

# Addiction Counselor Education –Hybrid Competency Program Westfield State University- Student Information



This newly designed program helps employers to identify employees who have the potential to meet workforce needs by becoming a Certified Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor (CADC).

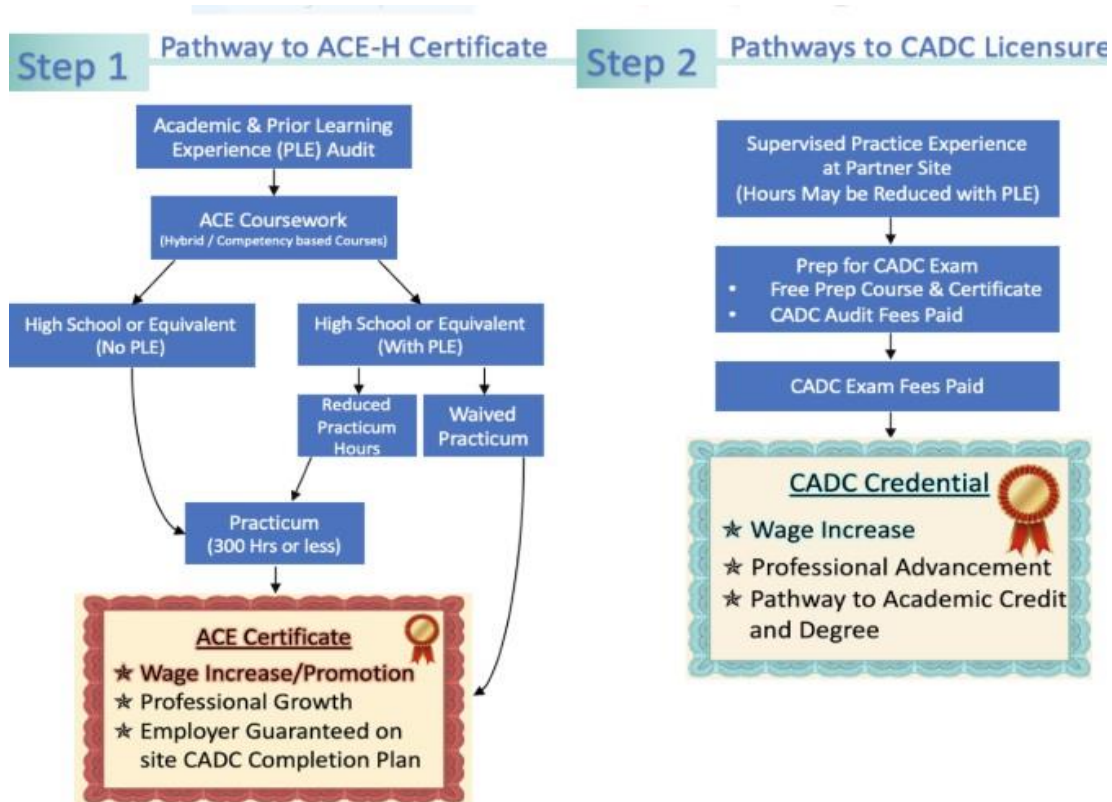
**The first cohort is grant funded, there are no fees or program costs for students.**

**Workforce partners include:**

- The Brien Center for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
- The Gandara Center
- The Alternative Living Center (ALC)
- Service Net
- Vertava (formerly Swift River)

Each partner has identified their projected demand for CADC’s, how their workplace can invest in their employee gaining credentials, and guaranteeing a wage increase once the ACE-H is completed (step 1), and again when the employee has received their CADC credential (step 2).

**Eligible employees:** Eligible employees cannot have earned a terminal college degree, but must have a High School diploma or a GED, and or Associates Degree and are identified as someone who will be able to fill an unmet workforce need through achieving a CADC. Our first cohort will include 24 students.



## **ACE-H Program:** Complete competency based coursework

The program spans across 10 months, nine courses will be delivered 50% online and 50% live through Zoom. Learners will complete coursework resulting in their demonstration of the 4 core program competencies that are based on the 12 core functions of alcohol and drug counselors and successful passing of practice CADC exams.

### ***Timeline for Step 1 – February 2021 – November 2021***

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- ***Employers Identify Learners for ACE-H Program***
  - *Due by February, 2021*
- ***Prior Learning Assessments of ACE-H Students and Non-ACE-H Employees***
  - Start January 15<sup>th</sup> –
  - Live Zoom sessions times TBD with each employer
- ***Orientations – January – February 2021 9-2***
  - PLATO Log in and Zoom info Sent via email
  - ACE-H Program & Student Success Orientation – (Saturday live Zoom session 2/20)
  - Technology Orientation – (Saturday live Zoom session 2/20)  
Laptop Distribution & Set Up TBD
- ***Semester 1 – February 27, 2021 – June 19th, 2021 8:00-11:30***
  - Saturday live Zoom session) – one hour per course/3 hours 1 hour online
  - 3 Courses – 1) The Use & Abuse of Alcohol and Other Drugs in Society; 2 Counseling the Alcoholic and Other Chemically Dependent Persons) & 3) ) Co-occurring Disorders
- ***Pre-Practicum/CADC Audit – June 26<sup>th</sup> & July 10th, 2021 8:30-5:00***  
(No Class July 4<sup>th</sup> Weekend)
  - 1 Course – 2 Saturday live Zoom sessions (8-) 16-hour course (8 hours online – 8 hours live Zoom session) Broken Up 2 hours in Zoom 2 hours Online 2 morning and 2 afternoon sessions
- ***Semester 2 – July 17, 2021 – October 30, 2021 – 8:00-11:30***
  - Saturday live Zoom session (time TBD) – one hour per course/3 hours
- 4 Courses – 1) Family Alcoholism & Chemical Dependency Treatment (1/2 semester), 2) Criminal Justice and Substance Use Disorders (1/2 semester), 3) Psychopharmacology, & 4) Practicum & Supervision

#### ***ACE-H Certificate Program Successfully Completed – 1<sup>st</sup> Wage Gain***

#### ***Timeline for Step 2***

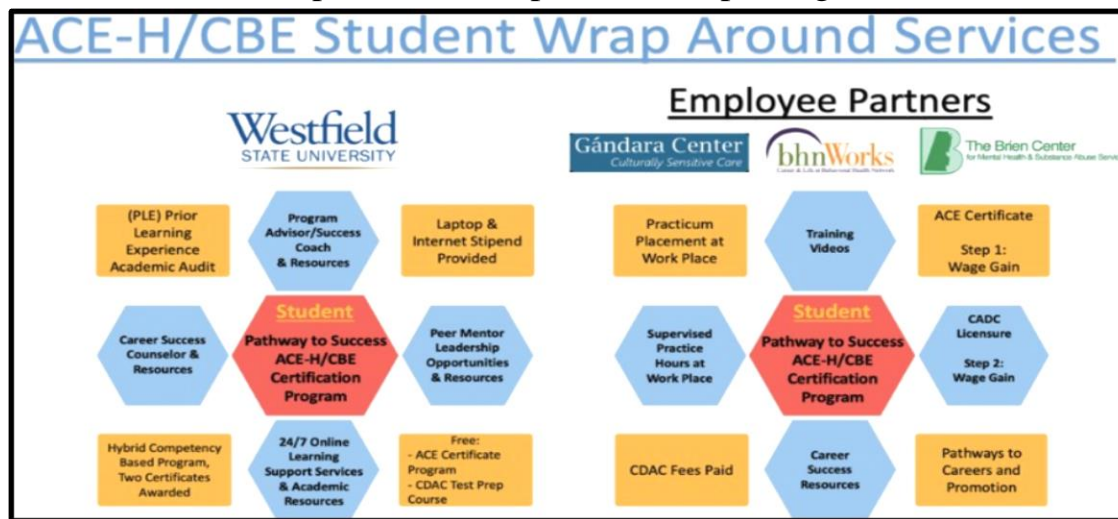
- ***CADC Test Preparation – November 6 – November 20, 2021 9-10***
  - 3 Saturday live Zoom session (time TBD) – 6-hour course (3 hours online – 3 hours live Zoom session)
- ***CADC Examination***
  - Application due by **October 15, 2021**–examination scheduled approximately 2 months later
- ***CADC Completion Plan – December 2021/ January 2022***
  - Each learner will provide a CADC completion plan date for their employer and the ACE H Program

***Upon completion of all CADC requirements (work and supervision hours) and the full credential of Certified Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor is achieved (Pass CADC) Exam)***

***2<sup>nd</sup> Wage Gain & Consideration for Promotion***

## Overcoming Barriers - Wraparound Services:

- **Students** are well-supported to overcome barriers in technology access, meeting academic needs, and receiving moral and social support to fulfill their goals.  
During the program, based on need some students are loaned a laptop, provided a stipend for internet access.. All students are assigned an academic success coach, and meet regularly with them to assess progress towards their CADC completion.
- All will have 24 x7 access to Help Resources- such as online tutoring, self-help and Plato Tech Help, an Online Student Success Program geared to technology and student success skills. Most important students are provided a CADC Test Prep course to help ensure the passing of the CADC exam.



**Program Value-** \$ 6,200.00

**Register for the ACE-H Program at Westfield** –Closed on 2/24/21  
<http://www.formexperts.com/forms/0NGG9G85OHNC>

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## Course Program and Student Information

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