Ready to become licensed (LADAC) or certified in New Mexico or just needing to know how to get moving in that direction? Get accurate and clear information as you enter the rewarding field of counseling.

**Fall Session**
Oct 14, 2017

**Winter/Spring Session**
Feb 17, 2018

**FREE Session**
No approval needed

**RSVP to Program Supervisor - CEHealth@unm.edu**

UNM Continuing Education provides NAACAC approved training.

The growing need to get an individual plan of action is evident from those attending our previous How to Become an Addiction Counselor in New Mexico sessions. Giving you time to talk with those who can help you in making decisions is our goal in opening Office Hours. You will have a 15 minute individual meeting with a Substance Abuse Studies instructor or other knowledgeable advisor to do a “Quick Glance” transcript review. If the recommendations are for further courses at the undergraduate or graduate level, you will need to contact that institution for additional advisement and admissions.

After you have researched the options to meet your goals, you may be ready to take our weekend courses in addition to any other courses or training you choose to pursue. [Select courses in the series](http://ce.unm.edu/sas) are available for 1 credit hour of NM Psychology 250 with application and additional fee.

This is the link to the NMCTPB rules and law section for the LSAA. [http://164.64.110.239/nmac/parts/title16/16.027.0013.htm](http://164.64.110.239/nmac/parts/title16/16.027.0013.htm)

**OFFICE HOURS**
By appointment – 15 minute openings – offered monthly.

See calendar on our website [http://cc.unm.edu/sas](http://cc.unm.edu/sas)

1. Please bring your transcripts (unofficial or official) for your meeting.
2. Download the Checklist for Advisement and fill out information you can supply. Bring this form with you.
3. For your convenience, a staggered schedule has been created so that people can be assisted in a timely manner. It will be important to arrive on time or slightly early.
4. It may be helpful to make a written list of question you may have prior to coming to Office Hours.

**DATES**

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For more information: Visit our website at ce.unm.edu.
Questions: Contact Program Supervisor at cehealth@unm.edu
Ready to start classes?  
Here is your guide to program approval.

**Step 1:** Please go online to http://newmexico.augusoft.net to create your profile. You may also call (505) 277-0077 ext.1 to set up your profile.

**Step 2:** Send by fax or email your counseling license or a copy of your degree transcripts or diploma to Loree Nalin at (505) 277-8975 or email at LNalin@unm.edu. For New Mexico Licensure, the NM Counseling and Therapy Practice Board requires a degree in counseling or a counseling related field. Please check their website for the list of accepted degrees. http://rld.state.nm.us/boards/Counseling_and_Therapy_Practice.aspx

**Step 3:** Email your responses to these questions. Loree will be able to approve you for enrolling the the Substance Abuse Studies Program once all these steps are complete. You should expect a follow up email from her welcoming you to the SASTP program. The questions are --

1. What are your professional goal(s) for the program?
2. How have your background, education, work, culture, and life experience led you to the field of addictions counseling?
3. What do you anticipate to be your greatest challenge in this program?

Once you are notified of your approval for this program, you may register for series classes by phone (505) 277-0077 ext. 1.

*Important: Our program does not guarantee licensure. Refer to the license board for additional requirements.

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**Quick Facts: Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder Counselors**

| **2016 Median Pay** | $41,070 per year  
$19.75 per hour |
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| **NM Mental Health & SUD Counselors employment gains** | 2014-440 Counselors  
2024-640 Counselors projected; 16% increase |

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