

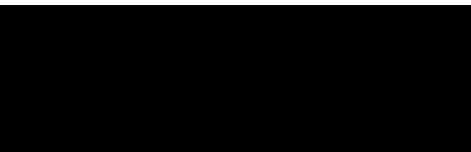
# **Addiction Counselor Training Certificate Program**

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

The **ACT** Certificate Program is a collaboration between the Rutgers, Center of Alcohol Studies and Rutgers School of Social Work.



It is generously supported by the NJ Department of Human Services –  
Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services.



# Primary Goals

- Attract new masters-level students to the addiction field

- Fulfill great demand in New Jersey for dual credentialed clinicians



- Shape leaders for positions in organizations that treat both mental health and substance abuse disorders



# Short term Goals of Workforce Development

- Recruit, educate and mentor at least 400 students in preparation for dual licensure
- Create and sustain a high quality, comprehensive curriculum
- Maintain advanced internship placements
- Increase agencies ability to bill Medicaid and third party insurance providers



# Eligibility

- Practicing clinicians with a mental health license
- Matriculating MSW students
- Matriculating masters or doctoral students in another mental health field





# Recruitment

- Stipend incentive: Students receive a stipend ranging from \$3,500-\$6000.
- Students receiving the maximum stipend awarded must commit to working or completing their practicum or internship at a state licensed addiction treatment facility. Post-graduates may receive higher amounts.
- Target ethnically diverse students and those meeting university financial aid eligibility criteria.
- Outreach to treatment providers and field placement sites.
- Post-graduates are encouraged to apply.

# Recruitment

- Recruitment will focus on the following priorities to determine eligibility:
- Those working in a DMHAS funded facility with less than 50% credentialed staff and/or located in an urban area
  - Those who have worked for at least one year in an addictions facility
  - Those currently enrolled in a master's/doctoral degree program
  - Those applicants who demonstrate financial need



# Student Status Report

## Cohorts 1,2 & 3

184 Students Total

### ❖ Ethnicity

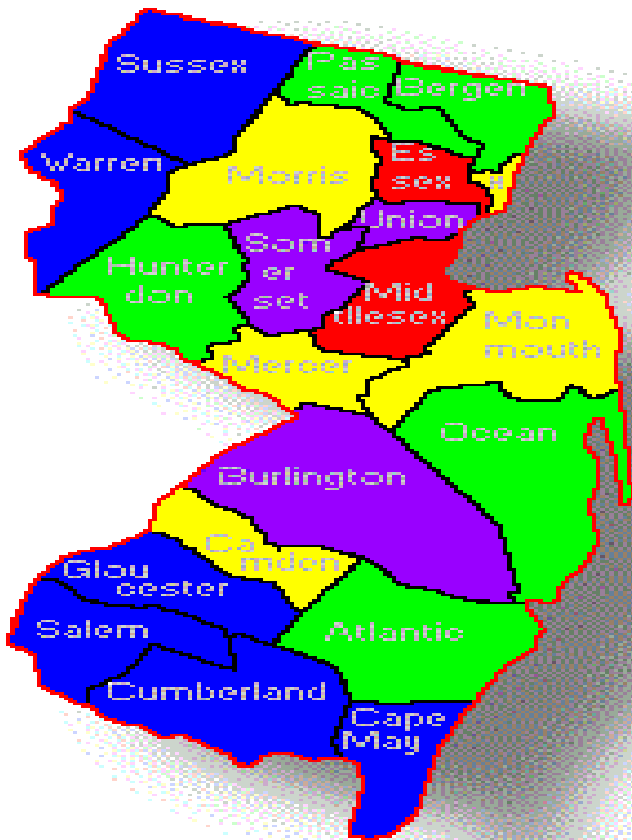
- 34 (19%) African American
- 20 (11%) Hispanic
- 101 (55%) White
- 27 (15%) Asian, biracial, other

### ❖ Gender

- 34(18%) men
- 150 ( 82%) female



# Student Status Report



## KEY

- - 1-3 Students
- - 4-7 Students
- - 8-12 Students
- - 13-20 Students
- - > 20 Students



# Course Work

## ➤ Graduate level courses that meet LCADC/CADC course requirements

- Hybrid format: utilizes technology to enhance learning
- 6 courses
- 18 graduate semester hours in counseling or related courses
- 270 contact hours of AOD education



## ➤ Course designed for a comprehensive understanding of co-occurring disorders

# Course Work

Course	Domains	
<b>Human Behavior and the Social Environment: Addictive Behaviors Across the Lifespan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪C107</li> <li>▪C401</li> <li>▪C402</li> <li>▪C404</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪C405</li> <li>▪C406</li> <li>▪C407</li> </ul>
<b>Biology of Addictive Behaviors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪C105</li> <li>▪C106</li> <li>▪C209</li> <li>▪C304</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪C403</li> <li>▪C408</li> <li>▪C409</li> </ul>
<b>Clinical Social Work Practice in the Addictions I</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪C101</li> <li>▪C102</li> <li>▪C103</li> <li>▪C104</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪C108</li> <li>▪C109</li> <li>▪C503</li> </ul>
<b>Clinical Social Work Practice in the Addictions II</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪C201</li> <li>▪C202</li> <li>▪C203</li> <li>▪C204</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪C205</li> <li>▪C206</li> <li>▪C207</li> <li>▪C208</li> </ul>
<b>Case Management in Addictions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪C301</li> <li>▪C302</li> <li>▪C303</li> <li>▪C305</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪C306</li> <li>▪C307</li> <li>▪C308</li> <li>▪C309</li> </ul>
<b>Professional Development and Responsibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪C501</li> <li>▪C502</li> <li>▪C504</li> <li>▪C505</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪C506</li> <li>▪C507</li> <li>▪C508</li> <li>▪C509</li> </ul>



# Field Placements

- Completed at licensed substance abuse treatment agencies
- Students will document proficiency in the 12 core functions of alcohol and drug counseling
- Supervised by qualified clinical supervisors
- Options for postgraduates and those in other clinical disciplines



# How You Can Help

- Become a field site for our students.
- Hire our students.
- Offer support to your staff who want to attend this program.
- Come speak with our students about the field of addictions.

# Pathway to LCADC

- ACT will assist with the following LCADC requirements
  - Fulfill supervised work hours in 12 core functions
  - Fulfill the 30 self-help meeting requirement
  - Earn credit for all 270 hours of specialized addictions content in the 5 required domains
  - Earn all the additional required graduate-level counseling hours

# Mentoring and Advising

- Mentoring and advising services provided to students
  - Town hall meetings
  - Individual and small group mentoring
- Convene an advisory board of key stakeholders and consumers to assist with ACT Certificate Program
- Maintain a computerized data system that tracks student progress





# How You Can Reach Us

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