



Addiction Counseling Training Opportunities

Motivational Interviewing

In-person class held in Grand Junction (COVID-permitting)

June 22 - 24 OR Sept 21 - 23

9am - 5pm

Motivational Interviewing is a client-centered collaborative style of conversation designed to strengthen a person's motivation for and commitment to change. This course goes beyond the basic skills learned in Addiction Counseling Skills (ACS) and requires successful completion of ACS as a mandatory prerequisite (or educational equivalent). Individuals with a master's degree in a behavioral health field may not need this class if they can show educational equivalency.

Addiction Counseling Skills

Virtual/online class, must have Zoom video & audio capabilities

August 17 - 19

9am - 5pm

Addiction Counseling Skills focuses on learning the counseling skills needed to help clients process their information and move toward the change process. Videotaping and feedback will assist the participants in developing a standard level of counseling skills proficiency. Individuals with a master's degree in a behavioral health field may not need this class if they can show educational equivalency (Basic Counseling Skills).

Advanced Treatment Models

Virtual/online class, must have Zoom video & audio capabilities

October 6 - 7

9am - 5pm

This CAS course is designed to provide an overview of the specialized models of counseling for behavioral health environment that provide services to co-occurring mental health and addiction interventions. The focus of this course is to teach the structure, purpose, appropriate population, and practice details for each model. Individuals with a master's degree in a behavioral health field may not need this class if they can show educational equivalency.

Case Conceptualization and Documentation

(*Formerly Client Records Management)

Virtual/online class, must have Zoom video & audio capabilities

November 3 - 4

9am - 5pm

This class is designed to provide the counselor with an understanding of the clinical record and the continuum of client care that the record documents and tracks. Individuals with a master's degree in a behavioral health field may not need this class if they can show educational equivalency.

Principles of Addiction

Winter 2022 TBD

Please use the registration link below to be added to the waitlist for this class.

Essentially "Addiction 101," this class is recommended for anyone wanting to expand their knowledge of addiction and increase in skills related to working with clients with Substance Use Disorders. This course is a CAT, CAS & LAC requirement, regardless of education level.

These classes are free to Mind Springs Health and West Springs Hospital staff with supervisor approval.

To Register for one or more of these courses please visit:
<https://www.mindspringshealth.org/ac-registration>

For questions please contact Miranda Botts at MBotts@MindSpringsHealth.org

Please note that due to the Sunset Review process there have been changes to the Addiction Counselor Clinical Training Program that come into effect April 1, 2021. For more information, please visit: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdhs/behavioral-health-workforce-development>