

Advanced Certificate in Co-Occurring Behavioral Health and Wellness

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About the Program

The Advanced Certificate in Co-Occurring Behavioral Health and Wellness is designed for professionals who already hold a master's degree and need additional coursework to meet Nevada's LCPC and/or LCADC licensure requirements. Our curriculum specializes in co-occurring disorders treatment—developing your competency to address the interplay between mental health and substance use disorders.

This program is variable in credits (9–24, based on your academic review) and includes specialized coursework plus supervised clinical practice. All students apply as certificate-seeking students through the UNR Graduate School. CASAT's coursework positions you to apply as an intern for LCPC and/or LCADC licensure with two Nevada licensing boards:

- Board of Examiners for Marriage & Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors
- Board of Examiners for Alcohol, Drug, and Gambling Counselors

All courses are delivered entirely online, making this the only program of its kind in Nevada. Most courses are 12-week dynamically dated courses (more intense than a standard 15–16 week semester). Enrollment is first-come, first-served.

Understanding Your Academic Review

Your academic review from the Board of Examiners tells you exactly which courses you still need for licensure. It is based on the courses and degree requirements listed in [NAC 641A.085](#) (LCPC) and [NAC 641C](#) (LCADC). Here's how to read it:

- **Blank items** — Not required for your graduation year
- **Items marked “No”** — Courses you still need to take
- **Items marked “Yes”** — Already completed

***Tip:** If you graduated before 2022, some courses (crisis/trauma, grief/loss, couples/family) may be blank because they weren't required then. You only need courses marked “No.” If pursuing dual licensure (LCPC + LCADC), request reviews from both boards.*

Board Requirements → CASAT Course Equivalents

The table below maps each area on the MFT/CPC and Drug/Alcohol/Gambling Boards' academic review worksheet to its corresponding CASAT course. Your academic review will tell you which of these you still need.

Board Requirement (CPC and/or LCADC Worksheet)	CASAT / UNR Equivalent	Typical Offering
Diagnosis and Assessment (incl. DSM)	CAS 759: Assessment & Diagnosis in Substance and Co-Occurring Disorders	Spring
Abuse of Alcohol or Controlled Substances	CAS 674: Addiction Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery	Fall
Supervised Clinical Practice (Practicum/Internship)	CAS 770: Supervised Clinical Practice in Co-Occurring Clinical Interventions (1–3 sections)	Summer, Fall, Spring
Ethics and Professional Studies	CAS 662: Ethics and Professional Identity for Co-Occurring Disorders	Summer
Individual Counseling Techniques and Practice	CAS 760A: Clinical Interventions for Substance/COD Dx — Individuals	Fall
Group Dynamics, Counseling, and Consulting	CAS 760B: Clinical Interventions for Substance/COD Dx — Groups	Spring
Couples Counseling	CAS 761A: Clinical Interventions for Substance/COD Dx — Couples	Fall
Family Systems	CAS 761B: Clinical Interventions for Substance/COD Dx — Families	Spring

Human Growth and Development	CAS 665: Youth & Emerging Adult Development in Co-Occurring Disorders	Varies
Crisis or Trauma	CAS 712: Neuroscience of Trauma and Addiction	Spring
Grief or Loss	CAS 636: Culture, Grief and Loss in Co-Occurring Treatment (may not take to also fulfill the Social and Cultural Foundations requirement, if needed)	Varies
Human Sexuality	CAS 638: Sexuality and Process Addictions	Varies
Research and Evaluation	EDRS 700 or CHS 700 (offered through UNR, not CASAT)	Fall, Spring
Individual Counseling Theories	— <i>Not offered through CASAT (Liberty or Post Universities recommended)</i>	—
Lifestyle and Career Development	— <i>Not offered through CASAT (Liberty or Post Universities recommended)</i>	—
Social and Cultural Foundations	CAS 636: Culture, Grief and Loss in Co-Occurring Treatment (may not take to also fulfill the Grief and Loss requirement, if needed)	Varies

Items not offered through CASAT may have been completed in your master's program. If marked "No" on your review, work with CASAT advising to identify options at other institutions.

University Course Catalog

For more information on CASAT courses offered please visit [UNR's Course Catalogue](#). All CASAT courses for the Advanced Certificate in Co-Occurring Behavioral Health and Wellness are 3 credits and delivered online. Course availability may vary by semester—check with your CASAT advisor for current offerings.

Prerequisites: CAS 674 and CAS 759 (or equivalents) must be completed before enrolling in CAS 770.

UNR courses (not CASAT): EDRS 700: Introduction to Educational Research or CHS 700: Research Methods may fulfill the Research and Evaluation requirement if needed.

Certificate Completion

Variable credits: The certificate ranges from 9 to 24 credits, depending on your academic review. Your program of study will be individualized based on the courses you still need for licensure.

Course equivalencies: Previously completed courses may count if CASAT determines they are equivalent. Submit transcripts with your application for review.

Financial Information

FAFSA does not apply to graduate certificate students. Alternative options include private education loans, UNR Financial Aid Office resources, and occasional CASAT grants. If concerned about cost, still reach out—CASAT's funding changes and you must be on their radar for opportunities.

Current tuition: unr.edu/grad/funding

For detailed application instructions, see the [Application Guide to the Advanced Certificate](#). For Frequently Asked Questions see our [FAQ's Guide](#). For internship information, meet with your advisor.

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