Chemical Dependency is for students interested in focusing their studies on Chemical Dependency rehabilitation. This program prepares the student for work as a Chemical Dependency counselor in various settings from detoxification units to residential treatment programs. Students will fulfill the education requirements for certification as Chemical Dependency Professional through the Department of Health in WA State. Students take classes that directly fulfill Department of Health requirements toward acquiring the C.D.P. certification.

Objectives:
1. Demonstrate an understanding of developmental psychology and psychopathology.
2. Evaluate, assess, and treat addiction, substance abuse and chemical dependency in adolescents and adults.
3. Recognize the pharmacological actions of alcohol and other drugs.
4. Apply chemical dependency rules and regulations as well as professional and ethical responsibilities to patient care.
5. Coordinate the use of services, referrals, and community resources.
7. Plan and implement appropriate addiction placement, continuing care, and discharge criteria.
8. Plan and provide effective chemical dependency counseling, relapse prevention and continuing care counseling for addicted individuals, their families or significant others in individual or group sessions.