About This Minor. . .
This minor will provide students the knowledge and skills that are in high demand in all aspects of the behavioral health field. Students receiving this minor will be provided with the latest evidence-based practices, research studies and best practices in the field of addictions. This 24 credit hour minor is offered to meet educational requirements that are needed for the Certified Addiction Counselor (CAC II) training as outlined by the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS), Office of Behavioral Health (OBH). These courses seek to enhance the student’s counseling abilities, knowledge and competencies in becoming an addictions professional. By completing the educational requirements of this minor, students are eligible to take the National Association for Addictions Professionals (NADAAC) NCAC I or NCAC II exam for CAC II certification as required in Colorado. All required classes seek to enhance the student’s ability to offer addiction treatment services in a manner that respects gender, race and ethnicity, sexual orientation, cultural, familial, systemic and socioeconomic diversity.

Advising Process and DegreeWorks
This document is intended for informational purposes to help determine what courses and associated requirements are needed to earn a minor. Meeting with an academic advisor is essential in planning courses and developing a suggested course sequencing. It is ultimately the student’s responsibility to understand and fulfill the requirements for her/his intended minor.

DegreeWorks is an online degree audit tool available in MAVzone. It is the official record used by the Registrar’s Office to evaluate progress towards a minor. Students are responsible for reviewing their DegreeWorks audit on a regular basis and should discuss questions or concerns with their advisor or academic department head for the minor. Discrepancies in requirements should be reported to the Registrar’s Office.

Graduation Process
A minor cannot be awarded by itself. It must be combined with a baccalaureate degree outside the major field of study. Students should follow the graduation process outlined for the baccalaureate degree and list their majors and minors on the “Intent to Graduate” form.

If a student’s petition for graduation is denied, it will be her/his responsibility to consult the Registrar’s Office regarding next steps.
INSTITUTIONAL MINOR REQUIREMENTS

The following institutional requirements apply to all CMU minors. Specific programs may have different requirements that must be met in addition to institutional requirements.

- A minor consists of 15-24 semester hours. There may be prerequisites required for the minor which will increase the total number of credit hours for a student who has not already taken those prerequisites.
- Courses taken to satisfy Essential Learning, major requirements, or electives can be counted toward the minor if applicable.
- At least 33 percent of the credit hours required for the minor must be in courses numbered 300 or above.
- At least 25 percent of the classes must be taken at CMU.
- 2.00 cumulative GPA or higher for the courses used for the minor.
- A minor is not a degree by itself and must be earned at the same time as a baccalaureate degree.
- A minor must be outside the major field of study.
- A student may earn up to five minors with any baccalaureate degree at CMU.
- The Catalog Year determines which program sheet and degree requirements a student must fulfill in order to graduate. Visit with your advisor or academic department to determine which catalog year and program requirements sheet you should follow.
- See “Requirements for Undergraduate Degrees and Certificates” in the catalog for a complete list of graduation requirements.

PROGRAM-SPECIFIC MINOR REQUIREMENTS

- 24 semester hours total for the minor in Addiction Studies.

REQUIRED COURSES FOR THE ADDICTION STUDIES MINOR (24 semester hours)

- ADAP 301 - Foundations of Addictions Counseling (3)
- ADAP 350 - Cultural and Ethical Issues in Addiction Treatments (3)
- ADAP 380 - Pharmacology and Addictions (3)
- ADAP 401 - Special Populations and Addictions (3)
- ADAP 420 - Addiction Counseling Approaches (3)
- PSYP 422 - Psychological Interviewing (3)
- PSYP 424 - Group Processes (3)
- ADAP 499 - Internship (3)