MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
8/18/2016
Between
Colorado Department of Human Services
Office of Behavioral Health
and
Colorado Mesa University
Social and Behavioral Sciences Department

DESCRIPTIONS and DEFINITIONS
CDHS: Colorado Department of Human Services
OBH: Office of Behavioral Health
DORA: Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies
CMU: Colorado Mesa University
SBSD: Social and Behavioral Sciences Department
ADAP: Addictions Degree Accreditation Program
MAS: Minor in Addictions Studies

Background and Purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding
The Social and Behavioral Sciences Department (SBSD), at Colorado Mesa University (CMU) and the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) with the Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) have recognized the breadth and depth of courses and training needed to prepare students to enter into the addictions field with a high level of proficiency.

The SBSD at CMU has established an Addictions Degree Accreditation Program (ADAP) with a Minor in Addiction Studies (MAS) which offers students education that exceeds the OBH training and education requirements for certification/licensure as an addiction counselor in the State of Colorado.

The OBH verifies that the CMU courses identified below satisfy the addiction counselor training standards established by the OBH through course content, hours of in-class study, additional homework, projects, research and/or papers. Additional requirements for certification/licensure for addictions counseling in CO beyond coursework include clinically supervised work experience hours and taking and passing a national exam. The OBH does not endorse CMU’s Addiction Degree Accreditation Program and completion of the MAS does not replace the state requirements in certification/licensure for CAC I, CAC II, CAC III or LAC. Students are encouraged to review the application process for CAC I, CAC II, CAC III and LAC on DORA’s website:
https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dora/Addiction_Counselor_Applications
Acceptance and Approval
The following signatures signify that the parties have agreed to and accept this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and hereby agree to abide by the stipulations of this agreement.

CMU correspondence for the Addiction Degree Accreditation Program shall include a disclaimer such as: The OBH does not endorse CMU's Addiction Degree Accreditation Program and completion of the certificate does not replace the state requirements in certification/licensure for CAC I, CAC II, CACIII or LAC.

This MOU shall remain in effect until such time that OBH and Colorado Mesa University requests in writing an addendum for this agreement to be dissolved.

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Date 9-20-16

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The following courses meet or exceed the State education and training requirements established by the OBH for certification/licensure as an addictions counselor. All courses within the SBSD, ADAP, MAS program will be taught by professors and lectures that meet the university standards and State qualifications as outlined by the OBH. These instructors shall be monitored and evaluated according to CMU standards and the Coordinator for Addiction Studies within the SBSD.

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The following courses have been approved as meeting OBH requirements and will appear on CMU college transcripts only:

**ADAP 301, Foundations of Addiction Counseling**  
(3 Credit Hours) or (45 Clock hours)  
(*Must be taught by an OBH Approved Trainer for Core Curriculum*)  
- Addiction Counseling Skills (CAC I course, 21 hours)  
- Principles of Addiction Treatment (CAC I course, 21 hours)  
- Client Record Management (CAC course, 14 hours)

**ADAP 330, Pharmacology and Addictions**  
(3 Credit Hours) or (45 Clock hours)  
(*Must be taught by an OBH Approved Trainer*)  
Meets the OBH competencies and requirements for:  
- Pharmacology I (CAC I course, 14 hours)  
- Pharmacology II (CAC II course, 14 hours)  
- Infectious Disease in Addictions Treatment (CAC I course, 14 hours)

**ADAP 401, Specialty Populations and Addictions**  
(3 Credit Hours) or (45 Credit hours)  
(*Must be taught by an OBH Approved Trainer for Trauma Informed Care for Diverse Populations*)  
Meets the OBH competencies and requirements for:  
- Trauma Informed Care for Diverse Populations (CAC II course, 14 hours)