



Northern Vermont
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VSCs Proposal

**Growing Vermont's Mental Health and SUD Treatment
Workforce**

House Appropriations Committee

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Thank you for your Unification support:

- ✓ **Accredited as a single institution as of July 1, 2018**
- ✓ **Approved to award federal financial aid**
- ✓ **New vision and mission statements**
- ✓ **New strategic plan**
- ✓ **New brand and web site**
- ✓ **New General Education program**
- ✓ **All the while maintaining the uniqueness and culture of each campus**

Multiple Pathways To Enhance the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Workforce

Master's Level: Increase the number of licensed Mental Health Counselors with a focus on addictions and Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors

Baccalaureate Level: Increase the number of certified Alcohol and Drug Counselors by creating a new educational pathway that will outlive the life cycle of the grant

Associates Level: Increase the number of certified Apprentice Addictions Professionals

Tuition Scholarships for Mental Health Counseling Graduate Programs

Objective: Expand the number of licensed mental health counselors

Our Graduate Counseling Programs:

- 1. NVU-Johnson: MA with a concentration addictions**
 - 60-credit program requiring 600 hours of internship – face-to-face evening/weekends

- 2. Program in Clinical Mental Health – MS with a concentration in addictions**
 - Recently acquired from SNHU
 - 63/66-credit program requiring 600 or 900 hours of internship – face-to-face weekend intensive
 - Offered in VT, NH, ME, WI, and AK
 - Funding will allow us to build a more flexible delivery model that will outlive grant termination

Tuition Scholarships for Mental Health Counseling Graduate Programs

Proposed tuition support for new students:

- ✓ **Tuition scholarships for 45 students in both programs (cohorts starting fall 2019 and 2020)**
 - **Discount = 54.5% (equivalent to CCV tuition rate per credit) for entire program**

Proposed tuition support for current students:

- ✓ **Tuition scholarships for 15 students (MS) and 20 students (MA)**
 - **Discount = 22% for two years**

Residency requirement upon graduation

Alcohol and Drug Counseling (ADC) Pathway

Objective: Create a pathway for Alcohol and Drug Counselor Certification

- ✓ **Work with Office of Professional Regulation (OPR) to create the 270 hours of required course work**
- ✓ **Available to students in bachelor's programs (e.g., Applied Psychology and Human Services) and Master's students seeking licensure (LADC)**
- ✓ **Tuition-free access for three cohorts of 20 students (20 students per year)**
- ✓ **Courses will be offered beyond termination of grant**
- ✓ **The ADC pathway does not presently exist in the state of Vermont**

Apprentice Addictions Professional (AAP)

Objective: Increase the number of certified AAPs

- ✓ Offer CCV course “Addiction, an Introduction to Clinical Studies” tuition free
- ✓ Offer CU course “Substance Use and Addictions” tuition free

Budget

Scholarships for Master's MHC:	\$1.12m
Creating and offering ADC coursework:	\$610k <ul style="list-style-type: none">• visiting faculty member• instructional designer
Offering AAP courses:	\$70k
Administrative:	\$174k (8.8% of total) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advising• Internship placement• Marketing• Curriculum alignment
Total:	\$1.98m

Thank you
Questions?