

AICDAC Recovery HUB presents

Lunch Break Q&A

with Dr. Kelley McNichols

Substance use disorder counselors are on the front lines of a growing public health crisis, yet many face financial and structural barriers to advancing their education. Waynesburg University and DDAP have partnered to offer a grant program to change that. The substance use disorder university workforce development program (SUD UWDP) provides tuition support and stipends for working professionals to earn a CACREP-accredited master's degree in addiction counseling, reducing the burden of cost while allowing them to continue serving their communities.

Tailored to adult learners, the master's degree is offered 100% online and can be completed in as little as 20 months. This is more than a scholarship; it's a strategic solution to build capacity, improve care, and transform lives.

To learn more, you are invited to participate in a Lunch Break Q&A session with Dr. Kelley McNichols.

Two sessions are available - registration is required to receive the link



May 27, 2026
12:00pm - 1:00pm
ZOOM



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Substance Use Disorder Workforce Development Program



STIPENDS & TUITION SUPPORT AVAILABLE

Approximately 50 students enrolled in Waynesburg University's Workforce Development Program may receive up to \$6,400 per semester to support their graduate education as they earn their Master of Arts in Counseling through the University's addiction counseling program.

MAKE AN IMPACT. ADVANCE YOUR CAREER. SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY.

Waynesburg University is committed to expanding access to graduate education and strengthening the behavioral health workforce. Individuals from underrepresented, underserved and diverse backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply.

PROGRAM PURPOSE

This program addresses critical workforce shortages in substance use disorder (SUD) counseling. Through collaboration with the Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP), this program:

- Reduces financial barriers to graduate education
- Prepares skilled, compassionate SUD counselors
- Expands access to care in high-need and medically underserved communities



WHY APPLY?

- Significant financial support to reduce graduate education costs
- Online program designed for working professionals
- Direct pathway into a high-demand, meaningful career
- Opportunity to serve and uplift communities most impacted by substance use disorders

ELIGIBILITY & REQUIREMENTS

Participants must:

- Enroll in the 100% online Master of Arts in Counseling Addictions concentration at Waynesburg University.
- Be in good standing and maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Create PA Keystone login to access the training management system (TMS) to complete required DDAP trainings for job preparedness.
- Complete practicum and internship experiences in a DDAP-licensed drug and alcohol treatment facility in the state of Pennsylvania.

**Preference will be given to placements in rural, high-need, high-demand areas working with medically underserved populations.*

- Agree to a three-year service commitment as a SUD counselor at a DDAP-licensed drug and alcohol treatment facility in the state of Pennsylvania.
- Complete and submit all required post-graduate follow up with WU and DDAP as requested.

GET STARTED TODAY

Apply or learn more: Waynesburg.edu/counseling

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