

Academic and Student Services

Academic Services

The Hazelden Graduate School of Addiction Studies uses a team teaching model. In addition to experienced full and part-time faculty, students are exposed to research professionals, clinical leaders and content experts. Full-time faculty are educated at the Doctoral level.

To maximize the success of students, courses have clearly defined learner outcomes. Students may be asked to give a presentation, write an essay or term paper, complete a multiple choice test, or create a special project to test their knowledge. Learning may take place during classroom discussion, faculty-student interaction, cooperative learning, creative initiatives, panel discussions or lecture. In some instances, independent studies are tailored to individual learner needs.

Library

The Hazelden Library serves as both an in-person learning center and a 24 hour virtual learning resource. Students have access to:

- an extensive onsite collection of addiction related books, pamphlets, government documents, and audiovisuals
- an extensive onsite collection of addiction journals and newsletters
- interlibrary loans through the Minnesota statewide and regional library system
- interlibrary loans through the National Library of medicine's Docline network
- assistance in helping you locate and access a vast number of virtual and electronic resources, such as web pages, databases, and other sites rich in information about substance use and abuse, treatment, recovery, and related issues.

During library hours, a professional Librarian is available to assist you and answer your questions. For information, please contact Barb Weiner at bweiner@hazelden.org.

Study Space

The graduate school is located in Center City, MN. The 500-acre Hazelden campus is a picturesque setting conducive to contemplation and learning. In addition to the library and student lounge, there are designated study rooms with computers, printers, phones and internet access.

The Role of Faculty

Faculty advisors are here to help students reach their learning goals. During the admission process, an advisor is assigned to each student and serves as a student resource throughout the program.

Faculty members partner with students to create an individual education plan or blueprint for academic success. To help students have the best possible education experience, faculty members partner with them to identify and understand career aspirations, learning styles, strengths and limitations. Students are encouraged to interact with individual professors and work closely with their faculty supervisors during clinical laboratories and internships. Special accommodations can be made for students with documented disabilities.

Available Resources

A Graduate School Student Assistance Program (SAP) is available to link students to external resources. Students can access services such as short term personal adjustment counseling, assessment and referral for mental health services, financial counseling and stress management.

Students experiencing learning difficulties can receive coaching and tutoring services through the Sylvan Learning Center. The Hazelden Graduate School of Addiction Studies Alumni Association also offers tutoring services. Successful school graduates frequently assist students in adjusting to a scholastic environment, developing effective study habits and achieving better results when dealing with specific learning challenges. For information please contact Daniel Frigo, Ph.D., at dfrigo@hazelden.org.

Student Life

Since many of our students have been away from school for awhile, the graduate school has additional resources available to enhance their experience.

Student Assistance Program (SAP) — Counseling Services

The SAP is a confidential and voluntary program that allows students to seek assistance for professional or personal issues. Up to three sessions for assessment are available at no cost to the student each year. Students are financially responsible for further treatment. For information please contact Daniel Frigo, Ph.D., at dfrigo@hazelden.org.

Recovery Community and Twelve Step Meetings

Many Hazelden faculty and staff have their own stories to share about their personal recovery journey. As a result, they can be a great support to students adjusting to an intensive learning experience. If interested, students may easily access Twelve Step meetings in the surrounding community. For information please contact Daniel Frigo, Ph.D., at dfrigo@hazelden.org.

Fitness Center

The Cork Center houses a recreational facility for Hazelden clients, staff, students and volunteers. The facility includes a basketball court, walking track, swimming pool, racquetball courts, weight machines, free weights, and aerobic exercise equipment. Fitness membership is free to all students enrolled in HGSAS. For information please contact Daniel Frigo, Ph.D., at dfrigo@hazelden.org.

Alumni Association

The Hazelden Graduate School of Addiction Studies Alumni Association is committed to cultivating a lifelong relationship between the school and its alumni. The Alumni Association provides alumni with opportunities for continued professional development. Reunions, events and mentoring opportunities allow graduates to keep up with the best clinical practices in the field and connect with faculty and students. For information, please contact Kathy Graf, at kgraf@hazelden.org.