



**SUBSTANCE ABUSE STUDIES CERTIFICATE PROGRAM (SASCP)
COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK**

Would you like to explore the rapidly growing field of substance use prevention, treatment and recovery?

Would you like to experience working in a team-based collaborative care setting?

Do you anticipate social work/ substance use disorder practice in an underserved area of one of the 7 Western North Carolina counties?

Are you a member of a federally recognized tribe or are you drawn to working with a Native population, particularly the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians?

If so, you may be interested in the “Opioid Workforce Expansion Program - Professional (OWEP)” grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Western Carolina University’s social work program received this three-year federal grant in September of 2019.

This project is aimed at expanding the opioid use disorder (OUD) and substance use disorder (SUD) workforce serving the needs of individuals across the lifespan who have or are at risk of substance use disorders and reside on the Qualla Boundary, home of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and in Haywood, Jackson, Swain, Macon, Graham, Cherokee and Clay counties.

Eligible students apply in June for a stipend of up to \$10,000 in their Specialization year with up to \$5,000 disbursement at the beginning of the Fall and Spring semesters. Advanced Standing and part-time students are also eligible to apply. A limited number of stipends are available.

The SASCP and OWEP grant opportunity require completion of the following course work: SOCW 520 Addictions, SOCW 524 Cultural Competency in Substance Abuse Treatment SOCW 522 Methods of Substance Abuse Treatment, and SOCW 525 Science of Addiction. Additionally, students will complete their specialization year field placement in an approved OUD/SUD treatment setting. Students will also participate in 2 training or IPE activities as well. Student must be in good academic standing and sign a letter of commitment.

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