



Kingsborough Chemical Dependency Counseling Program Receives Accreditation

Dr. Joan Standora, director of the Kingsborough Community College (KCC) A.S. Chemical Dependency Counseling Program, has announced that the program received accreditation in March.

The accrediting body, the National Addiction Studies Accreditation Committee (NASAC), represents a collaboration between the International Coalition of Addiction Studies Educators (INCASE), the National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors (NAADAC) and the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT, SAMHSA).

The program is the second addiction studies program at KCC, preceded by the CUNY Substance Abuse Counseling Certificate Program. The new degree provides a basic liberal arts curriculum along with the chemical dependency specialization of 26 credits, toward a Bachelor's degree.

There is an articulation agreement between KCC's program at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. This program represents the



The Chemical Dependency Counseling Program Team: L-R Professor Steve Sulzer, Dr. Monica Joseph, Professor Joe Pais, Sharon Allen and Dr. Ed Reading (INCASE). Seated are Dr. Peter Myer (INCASE), Dr. Joan Standora and Chris Rohit.

chemical dependency counseling as a behavioral health specialty, especially within the new health care reform legislation to be implemented in 2014.

"The accreditation of our Chemical Dependency Counseling Program places us, nationally, among a small network of evidence-based academic

programs that demands excellence from its students while preparing them for successful careers in the addiction field," said Dr. Standora. "The accreditation is significant, too, in that KCC is not only the sole CUNY school to receive this recognition but is also the only college in New York State to be so honored. As

a result, students who are interested in this field should be assured that their participation at KCC will fully prepare them for both academic and professional endeavors."

Started in September, 2010, it is the only CUNY program granting a degree in this discipline.