

“ Continuity gives us roots; change gives us branches, letting us stretch and grow and reach new heights. ”

Pauline R. Kezer

How Can You Become Involved?

- Become a PACCT Student
- Become a PACCT practicum site supervisor for a PACCT student if you represent a substance abuse or prevention agency
- Become a PACCT Mentor

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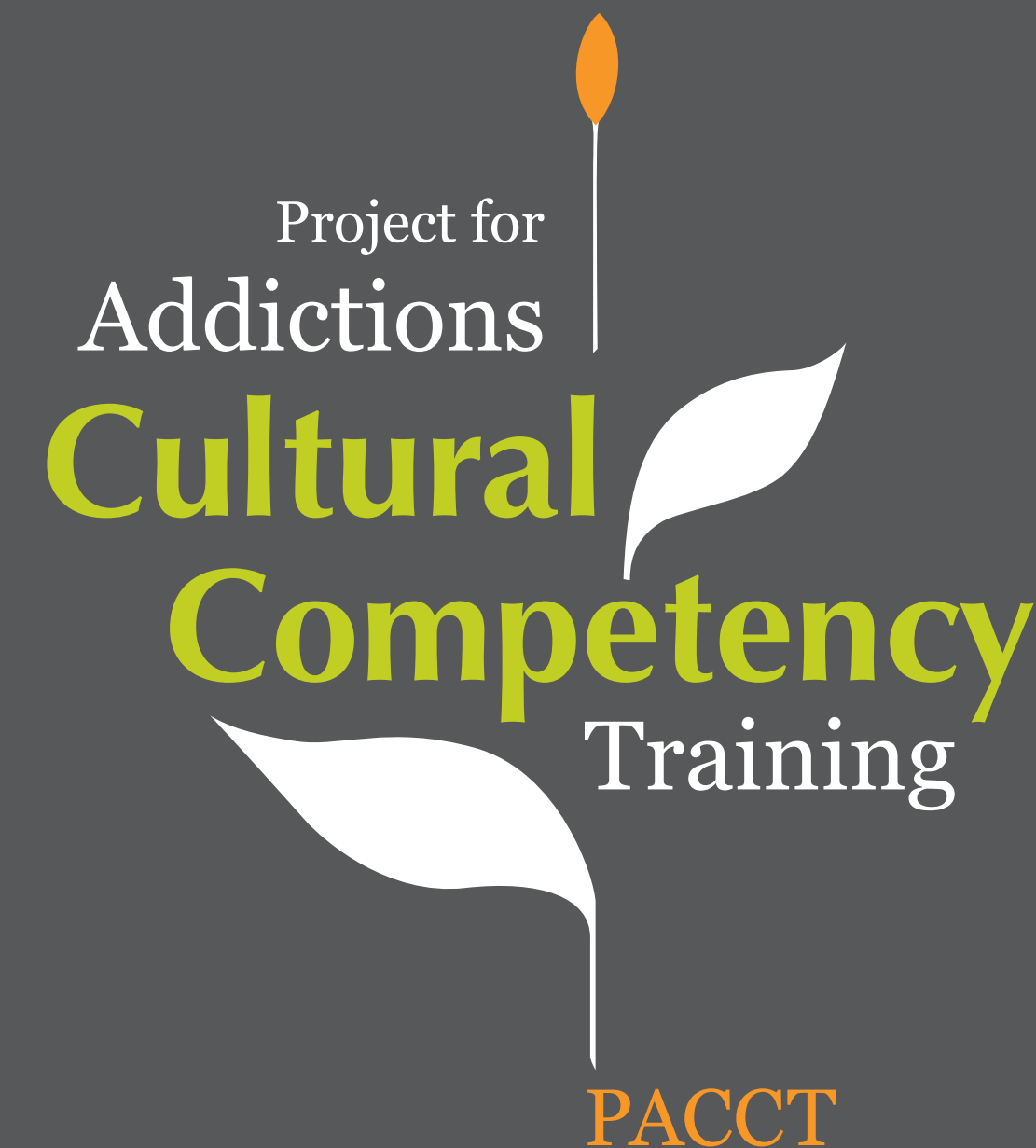


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Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services



What Is PACCT?

The Project for Addictions Cultural Competency Training Program (PACCT) is a recruitment and training program funded through the State of Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and is an important workforce development effort.

The goal of the Project for Addictions Cultural Competency Training is to increase the number of qualified addiction counselor candidates who represent historically under-represented groups such as Latino, African Origin, Asian Americans, and Native Americans.

Across the state and the nation, there is a shortage of addictions counselors who are culturally representative of those in our communities who are experiencing some of the greatest substance abuse problems, and who are also having poor experiences with prevention, treatment and recovery services. For substance abuse service providers, cultural competency is a requirement, to better understand the role and impact of one's own culture and to provide the most culturally appropriate services to individuals and communities in order to facilitate more positive outcomes.

What We Offer:

- **18 weeks of tuition-free training.***
- **Information and guidance in initiating a career in counseling persons with addictions.**
- **A 100-hour practicum placement in counseling related or prevention related services.***
- **A Mentoring Program to connect PACCT graduates with mentors to help achieve the goals of counselor certification.**

(*Applicable to the Connecticut Certification Board's (CCB) substance abuse counselor certification process.)

Program Curriculum

The Project for Addictions Cultural Competency Training offers 18 weeks of professional training in the following areas:

- 12-Core Functions & Addiction Counseling Skills
- Multicultural Education
- Theories of Addiction
- Co-Occurring Disorders
- Ethics and Confidentiality
- Pharmacology
- Substance Abuse Prevention Strategies
- Recovery and Spirituality
- Relapse Prevention
- HIV/AIDS
- Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care

All courses offer Connecticut Certification Board (CCB) approved contact hours of professional level training.

Student Eligibility:

Only 40 students per year are selected for this training program. In order to apply, PACCT students must meet all of the following requirements:

- Must be 21 years of age at the time of application.
- For those who have had problems with substances, you must have 2 full years in recovery (clean and sober).
- Reside in Connecticut and aspire to set out on a career of helping people cope with addiction.
- Have a high school level diploma or GED, although some college is preferred.
- Not be employed as a substance abuse counselor at the time of your application.
- Represent an underserved population in Connecticut, and/or be bilingual in English and the language of an underserved population.
- Commitment to complete the PACCT Training, Practicum Placement, and participate in the Mentoring program.

“ Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, ”
but anyone can start today and make a new ending.

Maria Robinson