

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PSYCHOLOGY IN ADDICTIONS

Description and Outcomes

The Bachelor of Science in Psychology in Addictions provides you with content knowledge of the major concepts, values, theories, psychological studies, research methods, and historical trends in psychology as they apply to the many aspects of addiction science, assessment, prevention, intervention, treatment, and case management. Courses are designed to help you understand the nature of addiction and clinical disorders to help in your professional work with clients. Courses focus on using the scientific approach to problem solving to evaluate behavior and mental processes while applying psychological principles to personal, social, and organizational issues.

If you have already completed an associate's or bachelor's degree from an accredited institution, you may be eligible for degree requirements to be waived and replaced with advanced start credit. Refer to Advanced Start Credit in Bachelor's Degrees (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/prior-learning/advanced-start-credit-bachelors-degrees/>) for details.

Concentration and Practicum Track

You can personalize your degree by electing to pursue a concentration in business foundations or the practicum track.

The business foundations concentration will allow you to gain competencies in the fundamental concepts of business administration. You will develop an understanding of the four functions of management, the components of a marketing strategy, and the financial performance of an organization.

The practicum track will allow you to incorporate a practicum experience in your program. The practicum track is required for residents of certain states. See the Policies (p. 1) section below.

Graduate Program Pathways

If you are interested in earning both a bachelor's and master's degree, consider a graduate program pathway (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/graduate-program-pathways/>).

Program Length

The Bachelor of Science in Psychology in Addictions program consists of a minimum of 180 quarter credit hours. Upon successful completion of the program, you will be awarded a bachelor of science degree.

Program Outcomes

Discipline-Specific Outcomes

1. Knowledge Base: Discuss the major concepts, theoretical perspectives, enduring conflicts, empirical findings, and historical trends in psychology.
2. Research Methods: Explore basic methodology in psychology including research design, data analysis, and the interpretation and evaluation of findings.
3. Critical Thinking Skills: Assess problems related to behavior and mental processes using analytical thinking, skeptical inquiry, and/or the scientific approach.

4. Application: Apply the appropriate psychological principles, theories, and concepts to personal, social, and organizational issues and problems.
5. Values in Psychology: Examine the underlying ethical standards, values, and considerations in theory and practice in the disciplines of psychology.
6. Information and Technological Skills: Use contemporary tools and technologies to screen, assess, treat, and evaluate client progress in real world situations.
7. Global Awareness: Explain how academic and applied psychology can improve interpersonal relationships across cultural boundaries in a variety of treatment settings.

General Education Literacies and Professional Competencies

In addition to the discipline-specific outcomes, general education literacies and professional competencies are integrated throughout your academic program. You can review the general education literacies and professional competencies associated with your academic program in the General Education and Professional Competency Requirements (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/general-education-professional-competency-requirements/>) section of this Catalog.

Program Availability

For program availability, please refer to the U.S. State and Other Approvals (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/university-information/accreditation-approvals-memberships/>) section and Program Availability Information (<https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf>).

Policies

Admissions Requirements

If you are a resident of Indiana, Nebraska, or Wyoming, you are required to take additional practicum hours in order to meet state-specific education requirements; you must enroll in the practicum track and may not pursue a concentration.

Prior to enrolling in the Bachelor of Science in Addictions program's practicum track, you must pass a criminal background check (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/admissions/>).

Progression Requirements

You may not use credit for prior learning to fulfill the following courses:

Code	Title	Credits
PS215	Neuroscience	5
PS311	Ethical Practice in a Diverse World	6
PS370	Health Psychology	6
PS375	Psychology of Addiction	6
PS377	Models of Peer Recovery	6
PS380	Clinical Psychology	6
PS450	Case Management in Clinical Settings	6
PS452	Psychopharmacology of Alcohol and Drugs	6
PS455	Addictions Practicum I	6
PS456	Addictions Practicum II	6
PS497	Bachelor's Capstone in Addiction	6

You must complete these courses at Purdue Global.

Practicum Requirements

If you are enrolled in the practicum track, you must provide notice of intent to enroll in practicum courses at least 3 months prior to the beginning of the term in which you wish to enroll. Notification must be submitted to the Clinical Placement Team using the appropriate application form. Applications that are not complete will not be accepted.

You are responsible for locating a site in which to complete practicum hours. You are also required to complete a practicum placement orientation. You must complete all prepracticum placement requirements and have permission of the Clinical Placement Team in order to enroll in a course that includes completion of practicum or field placement hours. A list of requirements is available from the Clinical Placement Team.

You should be aware that health care organizations may have specific requirements regarding vaccination against communicable diseases including COVID and Influenza. Failure to comply with requirements could interfere with the opportunity to complete a required practicum, may delay graduation or lead to an inability to complete your program, and could impact future employment opportunities.

While completing your practicum courses,

- If you feel that you may not be able to complete the PS455 Addictions Practicum I prescribed requirements in 10 weeks, you must contact the Clinical Placement Team in order to receive an extension in the course. If an extension is granted, you will enroll in PS455A Addictions Practicum I Extension which will allow you up to 10 extra weeks to complete the requirements of PS455 Addictions Practicum I. Enrollment in these courses will only be granted at the discretion of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences.
- If you feel that you may not be able to complete the PS456 Addictions Practicum II prescribed requirements in 10 weeks, you must contact the Clinical Placement Team in order to gain an extension in the course. If an extension is granted, you will enroll in PS456A Addictions Practicum II Extension which will allow you up to 10 extra weeks to complete the requirements of PS456 Addictions Practicum II. Enrollment in these courses will only be granted at the discretion of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Certification, State Board, and National Board Exams

Certification and licensure boards have state-specific educational requirements for programs that lead to a license or certification that is a precondition for employment. Prospective and current students must review Purdue Global's State Licensure and Certifications (<https://www.purdueglobal.edu/about/accreditation/licensure-state-authorizations/>) site to view program and state-specific licensure information.

Licensure-track programs may limit enrollment to students in certain states; please see Purdue Global's Program Availability Information (<https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf>) to determine enrollment eligibility. If you are a resident of Indiana, Nebraska, or Wyoming, you are required to take additional practicum hours to meet state-specific education requirements; you must enroll in the practicum track and may not pursue a concentration.

Optional certifications may be available, such as the National Certified Peer Recovery Support Specialist (NCPRSS) Certification. You are responsible for understanding the requirements of optional certification exams. Such requirements may change during the course of your program. You are not automatically certified in any way upon program

completion. Although certain programs are designed to prepare you to take various optional certification exams, Purdue Global cannot guarantee you will be eligible to take these exams or become certified. Your eligibility may depend on your work experience, completion of education and/or degree requirements, not having a criminal record, and meeting other certification requirements.

The Bachelor of Science in Psychology in Addictions is accredited by the National Addiction Studies Accreditation Commission (NASAC). The NASAC can be contacted at:

44 Canal Center Plaza, Suite 301
Alexandria, VA 22314
Tel: 703-562-0211
Website: <http://nasacaccreditation.org> (<http://www.nasacaccreditation.org>)


The NAADAC (Association for Addiction Professionals) has designated Purdue Global as an Approved Education Provider for meeting nationally approved standards of education for the addiction counseling profession. Students who complete the Bachelor of Science in Psychology in Addictions will meet the coursework requirements to take the optional National Certified Addiction Counselor (NCAC) Level I and II and NCPRSS certification exams.

Note that additional requirements must also be completed to take the optional NCAC Level I and II and NCPRSS examinations, including degree, field experience, and licensure requirements. Refer to <http://www.naadac.org/types-eligibility> (<http://www.naadac.org/types-eligibility/>) for full eligibility requirements.

The NAADAC can be contacted at:


44 Canal Center Plaza, Suite 301
Alexandria, VA 22314
Tel: 703-741-7686
Website: <http://naadac.org> (<http://www.naadac.org>)

Upon completion of the following courses in your program, and if you meet the organization's additional requirements, you may be eligible to apply for the optional National Certification Commission for Addiction Professionals (NCC AP) National Certified Peer Recovery Support Specialist (NCPRSS) Certification.







- PS124  Introduction to Psychology
- PS311 Ethical Practice in a Diverse World
- PS375 Psychology of Addiction
- PS377 Models of Peer Recovery
- PS450 Case Management in Clinical Settings
- PS452 Psychopharmacology of Alcohol and Drugs

Please visit <https://www.naadac.org/ncprss> (<https://www.naadac.org/ncprss/>) for full eligibility requirements.

Degree Plan

The  icon appears in the title of traditional courses that are also available as a set of module courses. Module course availability may be limited to certain academic calendars. See Course Types (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/university-information/approach-to-learning/>) for information about module courses.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Core Requirements		
CM107	 College Composition I	5
CM220	 College Composition II	5
CS212	 Communicating Professionalism	5
MM207	 Statistics	5
PS124	 Introduction to Psychology	5
100/200 Level	Arts and Humanities Requirement ¹	5
100/200 Level	Science Requirement ¹	5
100/200 Level	Social Science Requirement ¹	5
100/200 Level	General Education Elective	5
Total Core Requirements		45
Major Requirements		
CJ101	 Introduction to the Criminal Justice System ²	5
CM206	Interpersonal Communication ²	5
HN144	Human Behavior and the Environment ²	5
HN200	Survey of Social Problems ²	5
PS115	Psychology Program and Profession ²	5
PS200	Introduction to Cognitive Psychology ²	5
PS215	Neuroscience	5
PS220	Child and Adolescent Psychology ²	5
SC121	Human Anatomy and Physiology I ²	5
PS300	Research Methods I	6
PS311	Ethical Practice in a Diverse World	6
PS330	Personality Development	6
PS370	Health Psychology	6
PS375	Psychology of Addiction	6
PS377	Models of Peer Recovery	6
PS380	Clinical Psychology	6
PS440	Psychopathology	6
PS450	Case Management in Clinical Settings	6
PS452	Psychopharmacology of Alcohol and Drugs	6
PS497	Bachelor's Capstone in Addiction	6
Total Major Requirements		111
Open Electives		
Open Electives		24
Total Open Electives		24
TOTAL CREDITS		180

¹ For options to fulfill this requirement, see the corresponding literacy in General Education and Professional Competency Requirements (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/general-education-professional-competency-requirements/>).




² These degree requirements can be waived for students who are eligible for advanced start credit with a prior degree. See Advanced Start Credit in Bachelor's Degrees (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/prior-learning/advanced-start-credit-bachelors-degrees/>) for details.

Concentration and Practicum Track Requirements

Concentration and practicum track courses are completed within the open electives requirement of the degree plan.

Students in this program are not required to select a concentration. Residents of certain states are required to complete the practicum track. See the program Policies (p. 1) for more information.

Business Foundations Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
AC112	Accounting Fundamentals for Management	5
MT140	 Introduction to Management	5
MT203	 Human Resource Management	5
MT219	 Marketing	5
TOTAL CREDITS		20

Practicum Track

Code	Title	Credits
PS455	Addictions Practicum I	6
PS456	Addictions Practicum II	6
TOTAL CREDITS		12