

# 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-assessment/advanced-start-credit-bachelors-degrees/>) in the Prior Learning Assessment section for details.

## Accelerated Master's Degree Option

If you are interested in earning a master's degree in human services, legal studies, psychology, or public administration, consider an accelerated master's degree option. Refer to the Progression Requirements (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/social-behavioral-sciences/>) section for details.

## 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 realworld 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

### Progression Requirements

You may not use transfer credit to replace 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
PS380	Clinical Psychology	6
PS450	Case Management in Clinical Settings	6
PS452	Psychopharmacology of Alcohol and Drugs	6
PS497	Bachelor's Capstone in Addiction	6

You must complete these courses at the University.

## Certification, State Board, and National Board Exams

Certain state certification and licensure boards have specific educational requirements for programs to lead to a license or nongovernmental certification that is a precondition for employment in a recognized occupation.

Unless otherwise specified, Purdue Global's programs are not designed to meet any specific state's licensure or certification requirements. If certain licensed occupations, vocations, or professions are not explicitly listed, Purdue Global has not reviewed the licensure or certification requirements of those occupations, vocations, or professions, nor intended the program to meet such requirements. 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.

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, meeting other certification requirements, or the program or the University itself having appropriate accreditation or licensure.

The professional practice of psychology is regulated by each state, and the degree requirements in Purdue Global's Bachelor of Science in Psychology in Addictions program do not guarantee or prepare you for state licensure in any state upon graduation.

The online 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 alcoholism and drug abuse counseling field. Students who complete the Bachelor of Science in Psychology in Addictions will meet the coursework requirements to take the NCAC Level I and II certification exams.

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













## 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
<b>Core Requirements</b>		
CM107	 College Composition I	5
CM220	 College Composition II	5
CS204	 Professionalism - Theory and Practice in the Global Workplace	3
Mathematics (select one of the following):		5
MM150	 Survey of Mathematics	
MM212	 College Algebra	
Arts and Humanities (select one of the following):		5
HU200	 Arts and Humanities - Modern Creative Expressions	

HU245	 Ethics	
HU250	 Humanities and Culture	
Science (select one of the following):		5
SC200	 Discovering Science - Current Issues in a Changing World	
SC235	 General Biology I - Human Perspectives	
SC246	 Fundamentals of Microbiology	
SC250	Fundamentals of Science	
Social Science (select one of the following):		5
SS211	 The 1960s - Reshaping the American Dream	
SS236	 American Government	
SS250	 The Technological Revolution - A Social Scientific Approach	
Total Core Requirements		33
<b>Major Requirements</b>		
CJ101	 Introduction to the Criminal Justice System <sup>1</sup>	5
CM206	 Interpersonal Communications <sup>1</sup>	5
HN144	Human Behavior and the Environment <sup>1</sup>	5
HN200	Survey of Social Problems <sup>1</sup>	5
MM207	 Statistics	5
PS115	Psychology Program and Profession <sup>1</sup>	5
PS124	 Introduction to Psychology	5
PS200	Introduction to Cognitive Psychology <sup>1</sup>	5
PS215	Neuroscience	5
PS220	Child and Adolescent Psychology <sup>1</sup>	5
SC121	Human Anatomy and Physiology I <sup>1</sup>	5
HW410	Stress - Critical Issues in Management and Prevention	6
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
PS380	Clinical Psychology	6
PS440	Abnormal Psychology	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		121
<b>Open Electives</b>		
Open Electives <sup>2</sup>		26
Total Open Electives		26
TOTAL CREDITS		180

<sup>1</sup> 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 in the Prior Learning Assessment section for details.

<sup>2</sup> Eligible students who choose to complete the accelerated master's degree option will take four graduate-level courses in addition to selected undergraduate electives.