

# 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

You can personalize your degree with a concentration in business foundations. 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.

## Accelerated Master's Degree Options

If you are interested in earning a master's degree, 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 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

### 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
PS497	Bachelor's Capstone in Addiction	6

You must complete these courses at Purdue Global.

## 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 certification that is a precondition for employment in a recognized occupation. 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.

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
<b>Core Requirements</b>		
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 <sup>1</sup>	5
100/200 Level	Science Requirement <sup>1</sup>	5
100/200 Level	Social Science Requirement <sup>1</sup>	5
100/200 Level	General Education Elective	5
Total Core Requirements		45
<b>Major Requirements</b>		
CJ101	 Introduction to the Criminal Justice System <sup>2</sup>	5
CM206	Interpersonal Communications <sup>2</sup>	5
HN144	Human Behavior and the Environment <sup>2</sup>	5
HN200	Survey of Social Problems <sup>2</sup>	5
PS115	Psychology Program and Profession <sup>2</sup>	5
PS200	Introduction to Cognitive Psychology <sup>2</sup>	5
PS215	Neuroscience	5
PS220	Child and Adolescent Psychology <sup>2</sup>	5
SC121	Human Anatomy and Physiology I <sup>2</sup>	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	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		111
<b>Open Electives</b>		
Open Electives <sup>3</sup>		24
Total Open Electives		24
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>		<b>180</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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/>).

<sup>2</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 (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/prior-learning/advanced-start-credit-bachelors-degrees/>) for details.




<sup>3</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.

## Concentration Requirements

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

Students in this program are not required to select a concentration.

### Business Foundations

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