Bachelor of Science in
PSYCHOLOGY IN ADDICTIONS

Come Back Stronger — Ready to Help Others Make Their Comeback

It’s your time. Your moment. Earn your bachelor’s degree and prepare to support those battling substance abuse disorder and other harmful addictions. You’ve got the heart and the drive — now gain the skills and credentials to put your passion to practice and help people improve their quality of life.

The Bachelor of Science in Psychology in Addictions is accredited by the National Addiction Studies Accreditation Commission (NASAC). In addition, Purdue Global is approved as an education provider by NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals. The program meets the coursework requirements to prepare you to take the National Certified Addiction Counselor, Level I and II certification examinations (NCAC I & II).
Why Study Psychology at Purdue Global?

**Built for Working Adults**
Complete courses online, without compromising your work or family schedule.

**Backed by the Power of Purdue**
Earn a degree you can be proud of — and one that employers will respect. Achieve more in the addictions field with a name that opens doors in your career.

**Real, Relevant Course Topics**
Examine the process of addiction, pharmacology, the recovery process, prevention, and case-management skills. You will also learn ways to guide clients in maintaining their sobriety.

**Expert Faculty**
Learn from addiction practitioners with the real-world experience to know what it takes to make it in this field. All faculty possess an advanced degree and relevant industry credentials.

**Affordable Tuition**
You can lower the cost of your education with military tuition reductions, employer reimbursement options, transfer credit, and more. Our average bachelor’s graduate saves 50% on tuition with credit for prior learning. You’re worth the investment.

**Your Experience Counts as College Credit**
It’s time to get the recognition you deserve. Apply transfer credit toward up to 75% of your degree.

**Personal Support**
Work directly with faculty through online discussion boards and seminars, and enjoy no-cost individual tutoring. In addition, academic and career advisors are dedicated to helping you balance school with your career and life responsibilities.

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Take the Next Step in Your Career and Education

**Advance Your Career Making a Difference in Your Community**
Taking the right courses in the right degree program could contribute to your job marketability and career success. The program prepares you for careers in clinical and educational settings or for positions in addictions treatment programs. You’ll have the opportunity to develop and use psychological skills, think critically, and evaluate behavior and mental processes. Learn to identify the risk factors for substance abuse and investigate prevention, evaluation, and treatment strategies.

**Prepare for Certification**
Your degree includes the coursework requirements for eligibility to take the NCAC, Level I and II certification examinations. Graduates must meet additional license and field experience requirements to qualify.

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**Introductory Trial Period**
Make sure online learning at Purdue Global is right for you. Enroll in the University and try our classes for 3 weeks — before you owe any tuition. That’s the Purdue Global Commitment.

**Nationally Ranked and Respected**
Purdue Global is part of the respected Purdue University system. One of the most prestigious research universities in the world, Purdue University is ranked in the top 10 best public universities in the U.S. by The Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education.

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**ACCELERATED MASTER’S DEGREE OPTION**
Complete both your bachelor’s and master’s degrees in less time and at a lower cost than completing both programs separately. While you earn your bachelor’s degree, you can work toward a Purdue Global master’s degree in one of the following areas:
- Criminal Justice
- Education
- Educational Psychology
- Higher Education
- Homeland Security and Emergency Management
- Human Services
- Instructional Design and Technology
- Legal Studies
- Public Administration
- Psychology
Curriculum

Courses are reviewed and revised continually by industry experts to ensure they reflect the latest developments in the field of addictions. The curriculum emphasizes real-world skills such as communication, global awareness, information and technology, and the application of psychological principles. It is designed to equip you with a fundamental understanding of the major concepts, values, theories, psychological studies, research methods, and historical trends in psychology as they apply to:

- Addiction science
- Assessment
- Prevention
- Intervention
- Treatment
- Case management

Business Foundations Concentration

- Gain competencies in the fundamental concepts of business administration. Develop an understanding of the four functions of management, the components of a marketing strategy, and the financial performance of an organization.

Program Detail

Credit Hours: 180
Completion Time: 2–4 years (With transfer credit and other prior experience, the average completion time for Purdue Global bachelor’s degree graduates in 2021–2022 was 2.1 years.)
Course Load: 2 courses per term
Terms: 10 weeks long
Start Dates: Every 11 weeks
Delivery: Online

NAADAC Approved and NASAC Accredited
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Empower People. Drive Change.
The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences offers a wide breadth of graduate and undergraduate academic programs designed to develop professionals, leaders, and change agents in fields that make a difference in response to human and societal causes, issues, and needs. Our programs are designed for people with a passion for making an impact in the lives of children, individuals with special needs, organizations, and communities.

Additional Programs

- Bachelor of Science in Human Services
- Bachelor of Science in Psychology
- Bachelor of Science in Psychology in Applied Behavior Analysis
- Master of Science in Psychology
- Graduate Certificate in Addictions

The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences degree programs are created to meet the unique needs of students. Whether students are interested in the flexibility of creating their own degree plan, applying previously earned college credit to earn their degree faster, or starting a degree from the beginning, the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences focuses on the needs of adult students in pursuing their educational, career, and personal goals.”

Sara Sander, PhD
Dean and Vice President, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
Career and Networking Opportunities

Industry Outlook
According to a 2020 report by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, in the previous year:

- 46.3 million Americans aged 12 or older were classified with a substance use disorder
- 9.2 million people misused opioids

As more people require addiction services, employment is projected to grow faster or much faster than average for substance abuse and mental health social workers and counselors.11

Center for Career Advancement
Our team of Career Specialists connects you with job and networking opportunities and offers the following assistance:

- Career assessment/exploration
- Resume and cover letter review
- Interview preparation/mock interviews
- Portfolio development to showcase your skills
- Assistance in building an online presence
- Job search and networking support
- Virtual career fairs
- 24/7 online access to job openings and career development tools

Student Organizations and Honor Societies
- Psi Chi International Honor Society
- Psychology Club

Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission
Purdue Global is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). The HLC (HLCCommission.org) is an institutional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Military Friendly
We offer reduced tuition rates for servicemembers, veterans, and spouses.

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