



**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.<sup>1</sup> Our average bachelor's graduate saves 50% on tuition with credit for prior learning.<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup>

## **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.

## **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.<sup>4</sup>

## **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*.<sup>5</sup>

# 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.<sup>6</sup> Graduates must meet additional license and field experience requirements to qualify.

## **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<sup>7</sup>:

- Applied Behavior Analysis
- Criminal Justice
- Education
- Educational Psychology
- Higher Education
- Homeland Security and Emergency Management
- Human Services
- Instructional Design and Technology
- Legal Studies
- Psychology
- Public Administration

# 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.)<sup>8</sup>

**Course Load:** 2 courses per term

**Terms:** 10 weeks long

**Start Dates:** Every 11 weeks

**Delivery:** Online



## NAADAC Approved and NASAC Accredited<sup>9</sup>

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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.



“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

## 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



# Career and Networking Opportunities

## Industry Outlook

According to a 2020 report by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, in the previous year<sup>10</sup>:

- 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.<sup>11</sup>

## Career Pathways and Outcomes<sup>12</sup>

### Roles

- Community health worker
- Addictions case manager
- Outreach specialist
- Addictions treatment technician

### Settings/Industries

- Schools
- Government organizations
- Nonprofits
- Hospitals
- Treatment centers
- Small agencies
- Sober living homes
- Assisted living facilities

## 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.

**Contact an Admissions Advisor at [844-PURDUE-G](tel:844-PURDUE-G) or visit [purdueglobal.edu](https://purdueglobal.edu).**

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PLEASE READ

For comprehensive consumer information, visit [info.purdueglobal.edu](https://info.purdueglobal.edu).

- 1 May not be combined with other Purdue Global tuition reductions or ExcelTrack® pricing. Tuition rates are subject to change at Purdue Global's discretion at any time and, as a result, the tuition price may change.
- 2 Purdue Global online bachelor's degree students who graduated in 2021-2022 and applied eligible prior learning (transfer, experiential, or credit by exam) credits saved an average of \$34,000 toward the total degree. Campus tuition and prior learning savings vary by location. Savings based on overall cost of completion without prior learning credit. Calculation based on total prior learning credit times standard cost per credit in student's program of study. Individual savings will vary. Calculation includes campus and military students. Purdue Global does not guarantee transferability of credit. See University Catalog for the Prior Learning policy. Source: Office of Reporting and Analysis, July 2022. 2021-2022 academic year.
- 3 Purdue Global does not guarantee transferability of credit. See the University Catalog for the Prior Learning policy.
- 4 Classes count toward a degree if satisfactorily completed. No credits are earned if the student withdraws during the introductory period (3 weeks for new qualifying undergraduate students), which begins day one of the first term. Students who choose to continue their studies at Purdue Global will need to meet specific requirements. Graduate programs not included. Additional terms may apply to international and non-U.S. citizen students. For further information, see the University Catalog.
- 5 Source: <https://www.timeshighereducation.com/student/best-universities/best-public-universities-united-states>. Rankings apply to Purdue University West Lafayette and not to Purdue Global.
- 6 The University cannot guarantee students will be eligible to sit for or pass exams. Refer to [www.NAADAC.org](https://www.NAADAC.org) for full eligibility requirements.
- 7 The University cannot guarantee that students will be granted admission to any future programs. Speak to an Advisor about transfer credit opportunities and see the University Catalog for the Prior Learning policy.
- 8 The average completion time for Purdue Global online bachelor's degree students who graduated in the 2021-2022 academic year was 2.1 years. Source: Purdue Global Office of Reporting and Analysis, July 2022.
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- 10 SAMHSA, *Key Substance Use and Mental Health Indicators in the United States: Results from the 2021 National Survey on Drug Use and Health*, September 11, 2020.
- 11 Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, Substance Abuse, Behavioral Disorder, and Mental Health Counselors, and Social Workers. National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.
- 12 Purdue Global does not ensure employment placement or career advancement. Actual outcomes vary by geographic area, previous work experience and opportunities for employment.