BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN

PSYCHOLOGY IN ADDICTIONS

PURSUE YOUR PASSION FOR HELPING THOSE IN NEED

Many individuals in our communities face the serious psychological issue of addiction. Substance use disorder is often one of the unfortunate results. Addiction professionals are trained to assist these individuals and are committed to helping 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 University 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).¹
Why Study Psychology at Purdue University Global?

ONLINE FLEXIBILITY FOR WORKING ADULTS
Earn your degree 100% online, on your schedule. You can also visit one of our regional locations to take advantage of local, onsite support and services.

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.

FACULTY EXPERTISE
Learn from addiction practitioners with extensive experience in the field. All faculty possess an advanced degree and relevant industry credentials.

AFFORDABLE TUITION
Lower the cost of your education with military tuition reductions, employer reimbursement options, transfer credit, and more.2 Our average bachelor’s graduate saves 50% on tuition with credit for prior learning.3

TRANSFER CREDIT
Apply transfer credit toward up to 75% of your degree.4

ONE-ON-ONE MENTORING
Work directly with faculty via online discussion boards and during faculty office hours, 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.5

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.7 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.1 Graduates must meet additional license and field experience requirements to qualify.

ACCELERATED MASTER’S DEGREE OPTION
Our accelerated degree option allows you to complete graduate-level courses as part of your undergraduate degree, shortening your path to the following Purdue Global graduate degrees8:
• Master of Public Administration
• Master of Science in Educational Psychology
• Master of Science in Human Services
• Master of Science in Legal Studies
• Master of Science in Psychology

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.6
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

**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 2019–2020 was 2 years.)

**Course Load:** 2 courses per term

**Terms:** 10 weeks long

**Start Dates:** Every 11 weeks

**Delivery:** Online

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*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

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**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

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**NAADAC APPROVED AND NASAC ACCREDITED**

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Career And Networking Opportunities

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK
According to a 2020 report by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, in the previous year:\(^1\)
  - 20.4 million Americans aged 12 or older were classified with a substance use disorder
  - 10.1 million people misused opioids

As more people require addiction services, employment is projected to grow much faster than average for substance abuse and mental health social workers and counselors.\(^13\)

CAREER PATHWAYS AND OUTCOMES\(^7\)
**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 or visit PurdueGlobal.edu.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PLEASE READ
For comprehensive consumer information, visit Info.PurdueGlobal.edu.

1. The University cannot guarantee students will be eligible to sit for or pass exams. Refer to www.NAADAC.org for full eligibility requirements.
2. May not be combined with other Purdue Global tuition reductions or ExcelTrackTM pricing.
3. Purdue Global online bachelor's degree students who graduated in 2020-2021 and applied eligible prior learning (transfer, experiential, or credit by exam) credits saved an average of $34,500 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 Assessment policy. Source: Office of Reporting and Analysis, September 2021. 2020-2021 academic year.
4. Purdue Global does not guarantee transferability of credit. Future transfer credit savings are subject to review and the academic policies of Purdue Global. See University Catalog for the Prior Learning Assessment policy.
5. 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. Graduate programs not included. For further information, see the University Catalog.
7. Purdue Global cannot ensure employment or career advancement. The professional practice of psychology is regulated by each state, and the degree requirements of this program do not guarantee or prepare students for licensure in any state upon graduation.
8. 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 Assessment policy.
9. The average completion time for Purdue Global online bachelor’s degree students who graduated in the 2019–2020 academic year was 2.1 years. Source: Purdue Global Office of Reporting and Analysis, July 2020.
10. This testimonial was obtained by Purdue University Global. The views and opinions expressed are those of the individual; experiences may vary.
11. This program is accredited by the National Addiction Studies Accreditation Commission (NASAC, NASACAccreditation.org). Purdue Global is a NAADAC Approved Education Provider, and the bachelor’s degree program meets the coursework requirements to prepare students to take the National Certified Addiction Counselor, Level I and II certification examinations (NCAC I & II). The University cannot guarantee students will be eligible to sit for or pass exams. Additional requirements must also be completed to take the NCAC examination(s), including field experience and licensure requirements. Refer to www.NAADAC.org for full eligibility requirements. The professional practice of psychology is regulated by each state, and the degree requirements of this program do not guarantee or prepare students for licensure in any state upon graduation.