



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 optional 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.¹ Our average bachelor's graduate saves 50% on tuition with credit for prior learning.² 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.³

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.⁴

An Education That's Proven and Respected

Purdue Global is part of the respected Purdue University system. One of the most prestigious research universities in the world, Purdue is ranked #16 most innovative company in the world alongside Open AI, NASA, and Microsoft.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. 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 optional NCAC, Level I and II certification examinations.⁶ Graduates must meet additional license and field experience requirements to qualify.

Get a Head Start on Your Master's Degree

Complete your master's degree sooner with a graduate program pathway. It weaves graduate-level courses into your bachelor's program, giving you a jump on your master's degree requirements. You'll save on time and tuition compared with finishing both programs separately. Plus, your degrees don't have to be in the same fields. You can customize your academic journey to support your career goals and interests. To learn more, view the University Catalog or connect with an Advisor.⁷

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.)⁸

Course Load: 2 courses per term

Terms: 10 weeks long

Start Dates: Every 11 weeks

Delivery: Online

The practicum track will allow you to incorporate a practicum experience in your program. The practicum track is required for residents of Indiana, Nebraska, Texas, or Wyoming.



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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



NAADAC Approved and NASAC Accredited⁹

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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.

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.

Career and Networking Opportunities

Industry Outlook

According to a 2022 report by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, in the previous year¹⁰:

- 48.7 million Americans aged 12 or older were classified with a substance use disorder
- 8.9 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.¹¹

Career Pathways and Outcomes¹²

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



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 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 Students who inform Purdue Global they do not wish to pursue the program during the 3-week trial will not be charged. Students who choose to continue at Purdue Global will be billed for the full first term's tuition, including the 3-week trial, and will need to meet other specific requirements. Classes will be applied toward a degree if satisfactorily completed and students select to continue their studies at Purdue Global. 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 and BS in Professional Flight 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.fastcompany.com/most-innovative-companies/list>. Ranking applies 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 for full eligibility requirements.
- 7 Estimated graduation date is based on the assumption that you will enroll in time to begin classes on the next upcoming start date, will remain enrolled for each consecutive term, and will maintain satisfactory academic standing in each term to progress toward completion of your program. Completion time is based on a full-time schedule. Programs will take longer for part-time students to complete. To start a Graduate Program Pathway, students should consult with their Student Advisor to confirm eligibility. Not all Graduate Program Pathways are available on all tracks, and some may require students to meet academic standards to continue taking graduate courses in their bachelor's degree program. Visit the University Catalog for more information.
- 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.
- 9 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 optional 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. Refer to Purdue Global's State Licensure and Certifications page for state-specific requirements. Applicants will also need to complete additional requirements to take the optional NCAC examination(s). Students are highly encouraged to visit www.NAADAC.org for additional state-specific licensure requirements
- 10 SAMHSA, *Key Substance Use and Mental Health Indicators in the United States: Results from the 2022 National Survey on Drug Use and Health*, November 11, 2023.
- 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.