Mental illness is one of America's top public health problems, and there is a growing need for a well-trained workforce in the state of Arizona. This graduate certificate program provides foundational and theoretical knowledge necessary for the field of mental illness prevention and health promotion.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: Certificate Applied Prevention Science (Certificate)

There is growing demand for professionals who understand the challenges, opportunities and the service approaches that can promote healthy development, including in the social, emotional and interpersonal domains. Relatedly, there is a pressing need to train individuals as professionals who can prevent mental illness and their sequelae. The certificate program in applied prevention science is valuable for those aspiring to work in fields that provide services to children and families across diverse settings such as schools, courts, community health centers and mental health agencies, child welfare, home visiting programs, foster care services, and tribal behavioral health.

At a Glance

- College/School: The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Location: Tempe campus or online

Degree Requirements

Required Core (15 credit hours)
PSY 563 Prevention Planning and Evaluation in Service Settings (3)
PSY 564 Prevention Education, Communication and Service Delivery (3)
Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree in psychology or in any health, mental health, or counseling-related field, from a regionally accredited institution or an equivalent degree from an international institution that is officially recognized by that country.

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information
An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency.

International students who need an F1 or J1 visa will need first to apply to and be accepted into a graduate degree program prior to being considered for the certificate program. International students residing in the USA on other types of visas must adhere to all Graduate College policies and procedures regarding admission to be considered for admission to this certificate program.

Attend Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information here.
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