Counseling and Applied Psychological Science (Substance Abuse and Addictions), BS

LSCAPSAABS

The National Institute of Drug Abuse (2019) reported 19.4% of Americans used an illicit drug in the past year, increasing the demand for mental health professionals trained in addictions. This concentration prepares students for the licensed substance abuse technician credential to assist individuals who struggle with addictions.

Program Description

Counseling and applied psychological science is a specialty in promoting psychological well-being.

The substance abuse and addictions concentration of the BS program in counseling and applied psychological science provides coursework in counseling skills and techniques as they relate to substance abuse and addictions. Students acquire the necessary skills in screening, assessing, diagnosing and planning treatment of patients afflicted with substance abuse, addictions and related disorders. While this program does not make students license-eligible counselors, the coursework meets the requirements for the Licensed Substance Abuse Technician credential through the Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners (https://www.azbbhe.us/node/553).

At a Glance

- **College/School:** College of Integrative Sciences and Arts
- **Location:** Polytechnic campus
- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
• **Second Language Requirement**: No
• **First Required Math Course**: MAT 119 - Finite Mathematics
  OR MAT 170 Precalculus
• **Math Intensity**: Moderate

**Required Courses (Major Map)**

2021 - 2022 Major Map
Major Map (Archives)

**Admission Requirements**

General University Admission Requirements:
All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

Freshman | Transfer | International | Readmission

**Change of Major Requirements**

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should refer to [https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu](https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu) for information about how to change a major to this program.

**Transfer Options**

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use [MyPath2ASU™](https://mypath2asu.asu.edu) to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and help students save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: [https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs](https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs).

**Global Opportunities**

**Global Experience**
In order to make a positive impact in the lives of others, students must understand the diverse set of experiences, backgrounds and cultures that shape the people with whom they wish to work. When studying abroad, students gain firsthand understanding of a wide range of cultures and communities, and they acquire a unique global perspective with which they can impact the world. [https://goglobal.asu.edu](https://goglobal.asu.edu/)
Career Opportunities

The projected job outlook for substance abuse and behavioral disorder counselors is estimated to increase by 25% between 2014 and 2024. A licensed substance abuse technician is at the entry-level of serving clients who struggle with substance use and addictions. The LSAT assists substance abuse counselors in prevention and intervention efforts to individuals, groups and organizations. The LSAT credential prepares students for careers in substance abuse treatment clinics, community centers, social services and education settings, under the supervision of licensed mental health professionals.

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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<th>Career</th>
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<td>Addictions Counselor</td>
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<td>Advocate</td>
<td>16.8%</td>
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<td>Counselor (General)</td>
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<td>Substance Abuse Social Worker</td>
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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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