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

BS

LSCAPSAABS

The National Institute of Drug Abuse (2013) reported that 10% of Americans used an illicit drug in the past month, increasing the demand for mental health professionals trained in addictions. This concentration prepares students to care for and help individuals who struggle with substance abuse, addictions and related disorders.

Program Description

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. Counseling and applied psychological science is a specialty in promoting psychological well-being. Students in this concentration program 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 is designed to meet the requirements for the Licensed Substance Abuse Technician credential through AzBBHE, the Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners.

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 170 - Precalculus
- Math Intensity: Moderate

Required Courses (Major Map)
Admission Requirements

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

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Change of Major Requirements

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

Students should refer to 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™ 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.

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. Students gain firsthand experience of a wide range of cultures and communities through study abroad. Studying abroad provides students with a unique global perspective with which they can impact the world. Programs available range from a summer in Spain to a semester in London. https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/

Career Opportunities
The projected job outlook for substance abuse and behavioral disorder counselors is estimated to increase by 22% from 2014-2024. A licensed substance abuse technician is the entry-level position to serve clients who struggle with substance use and addictions. The LSAT assists substance abuse counselors in all 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>
<td>23.2%</td>
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<td>14.3%</td>
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<td>Mental Health Counselor</td>
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<td>Substance Abuse Social Worker</td>
<td>19.3%</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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