



## Program of Study: Bachelor of Science in Addiction Counseling

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### Program Description:

The Bachelor of Science in Addiction Counseling is designed to train practitioners in the field of addiction counseling and substance abuse treatment. The program includes courses designed to provide students with knowledge of the field through focusing on the development of counseling skills specific to the needs of chemically dependent clientele as identified by appropriate agencies. Students/applicants are responsible for contacting their state counseling certification agency for certification requirements and program approval. Check the University Catalog for requirements for Institutional Recommendation.

### Admission Requirements:

In addition to the standard Bachelor of Science requirements for general admission to Grand Canyon University, this program is a degree completion program that will require all students to do one of the following: transfer a completed Associate of Applied Science in Chemical Dependency Counseling and requisite bridge courses, transfer a completed Associates degree and requisite bridge courses, or transfer up to 84 credits. During this program students may be required to complete general education degree courses in addition to their core education courses for the purpose of completing the Bachelor of Science degree.

Course Number	Course Title	Course Description	Credits
UNV 101	University Success	This course provides positive re-enforcement of successful learning strategies and assistance with adaptation to the academic environment.	3
COM 101	Intro to Human Communication <sup>^</sup>	This course focuses on how people use messages to generate meanings within and across various contexts, cultures, channels, and media. The course readings and discussions seek to increase understanding of relevant communication theories and their application in the practice of effective and ethical human communication in both personal and professional life.	3
ENG 101	Academic Writing	A course in writing academic prose, including various types of essays, arguments, and constructions. A writing intensive course. Prerequisite: UNV 105.	3
PSY 101	General Psychology <sup>^</sup>	A foundation course in the science of behavior. Includes a study of the origin and development of behavior patterns, motivation, emotional behavior sensory functions, perception, intelligent behavior, and adjustment. Simple experiments constitute a basic part of the course.	3
HIS 107	World Civilization Before 1500 <sup>^</sup>	A survey of the major events, personalities, movements, and ideas in world civilization from the prehistoric era to 1500 CE. This course focuses on the key political, intellectual, scientific, social, economic, and cultural changes that occurred in world civilization. Students will gain an understanding of the social forces and trends in social, religious, political, and philosophic thought that laid the foundations of the modern world.	3
ENG 102	Research Writing	A course exploring various types of research writing, with a focus on constructing essays, arguments, and research reports based on primary and secondary sources. A writing-intensive course. Prerequisite: ENG 101.	3

BIO 100	Biology Concepts <sup>^</sup>	A complete overview of the science of biology from a human perspective. Topics include cells, energetics, ecology, inheritance, evolution, embryology, anatomy, and physiology. This course does not apply toward the biology major.	3
BIO 100L	Biology Concepts Lab <sup>^</sup>	The one hour lab for BIO 100. Must be taken concurrently with BIO 101.	1
MAT 121	College Algebra	A precalculus course on algebraic topics and the properties of basic functions. Prerequisite: MAT 100.	3

Choose one of the following courses:

INT 463	World Religions <sup>^</sup>	A study of the major contemporary religions of the world including both historical background and development, and current beliefs and practice with emphasis on basic religions: Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Taoism, Confucianism, Shinto, Zoroastrianism, Judaism, Islam, and Baha'i.	3
BIB 113	Old Testament History <sup>^</sup>	An introductory and historical survey of the Old Testament. Attention is given to the study of the Bible itself, its institutions, literature, and history of the national life of the Hebrew people from earliest times to close of the Old Testament period	3

Choose one of the following courses:

PHI 101	Introduction to Philosophy <sup>^</sup>	An introduction to the discipline of philosophy through a study of representative philosophic problems.	3
BIB 123	New Testament History <sup>^</sup>	A general historical survey of the New Testament, beginning with the inter-biblical period, with the main emphasis given to the Gospels and Acts.	3

UNV 200	Western Ideas and Aesthetics	An examination of ideas that shaped Western thought, and aesthetics. Students will have opportunities to identify and analyze instances of these ideas literature, film, and art.	4
CHM 101	Introduction to General, Organic and Biochemistry <sup>^</sup>	An introduction to the principles of chemistry; designed for students without a strong background in science. Topics covered include a survey of the chemical and physical properties of elements and compounds, chemical reactions, chemical energetics, acids and bases, and chemical bonding. An introduction to organic and biochemistry emphasizes the relationship between molecular structure and function.	3
CHM 101L	Introduction to General, Organic and Biochemistry Lab <sup>^</sup>	The one hour lab for CHM 101. Must be taken concurrently with CHM 101.	1

<sup>^</sup> Campus students may choose an alternative course from the Grand Experience. See the current Academic Catalog for details.

*Total General Education Credits: 39*

*Total Required Elective, Transfer, and Bridge Credits: 45*

### Addiction Counseling Major

PCN 300	Foundation of Drug Abuse and Human Behavior	An overview of drug abuse and the effects of mood altering drugs on human behavior.	3
PCN 301	Foundation of Alcohol Abuse and Human Behavior	An overview of alcohol abuse and the effects of alcohol on human behavior.	3
PCN 310	Pharmacology	An overview of the nervous system and the way that drugs affect the human body. Focus is on comparing different substances in terms of their neurological action, physiological dangers, and the effects of their usage on the individual and on society.	3

PCN	345	Co-occurring Disorders, Mental Illness and Substance Abuse	An exploration of the issues, principles, and techniques involved in diagnosing and treating patients with coexisting mental illness and chemical dependency.	3
PCN	350	Group Therapy for Addicted Populations	Focus on group dynamics and group process as they relate to chemical dependency. Exploration of group developmental stages, family intervention models, various counseling approaches/techniques, and their applications to therapeutic, education, and family groups.	3
PCN	405	Psychotherapy Models	An overview of models of psychotherapy prevalent in counseling, with a focus on those most useful in the treating of chemical dependency.	3
PCN	420	Family Dynamics and Substance Abuse/Addiction	Introduction to the dynamics of the disease of alcoholism and its effect on the family unit. Emphasis on the theories of alcoholism, the skills and knowledge necessary to treat families, family therapy theories, diagnosis of the alcoholic family, problems of children and adult children of alcoholics, treatment of spouses, evaluation of treatment, and prevention models.	3
PCN	426	Counseling Multicultural and Diverse Populations	Exploration of implications of chemical use on multicultural and diverse populations. Emphasis on area influences as well as the impact of paraprofessional relationships.	3
PCN	450	Self-Help Groups	An overview of the principles of various self-help groups including Alcoholics Anonymous, Al-anon, Al-Ateen, Narcotics Anonymous, Co-dependents Anonymous, and Adult Children of Alcoholics. Emphasis on 12-step self-help groups.	3
PCN	465	The Therapeutic Process and Ethics	An overview of ethics, techniques, and therapeutic approaches used in working with persons with a substance abuse disorder.	3
PCN	480	Substance Abuse Practicum	Opportunity for advanced students to use their developed knowledge and skills in an applied setting with supervision.	3
HLT	310	Spirituality in Health Care	This course explores the concept of spirituality as it relates to the role of the hospital, the health care provider, and the patient. Since illness and stress can amplify spiritual concerns and needs, health care professionals are in a unique position to assist the patient/client in meeting those needs. This course explores the relationship between health care professionals and those they serve. Topics include understanding the components of a Healing Hospital, evaluating the caregiver's role in giving care, the caregiver's need to care for self, dealing with grief, the role of prayer in health care, and spiritual needs of patients and families dealing with chronic and acute illnesses.	3

*Total Addiction Counseling Credits: 36*

*Total Bachelor of Science in Addiction Counseling Credits: 120*