# Bachelor of Science in Correctional Program Support Services

Get ready for a career at the intersection of community support, human services and criminal justice. Our customizable Bachelor of Science in Correctional Program Support Services equips you with the skills to manage cases, facilitate programs and address the needs of people impacted by the criminal justice system.

Courses in this transfer-friendly program are just 5 weeks long, so they can fit into your busy life. Plus, there’s no application fee, no SAT test requirements, and we’ll even request your prior college transcripts for you.

## Top skills learned in this program:

- Evidence-based practice
- Advocacy
- Service delivery
- Behavioral health
Projected job growth: 15%
According to Bureau of Labor Statistics

What can you do with a Bachelor of Science in Correctional Program Support Services?

A BSCPSS degree can prepare you to be a:

- Program Eligibility Specialist
- Case Manager
- Social Services Assistant

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, job growth for social and community service managers is projected to be faster than average between 2020 and 2030.

BLS projections are not specific to University of Phoenix students or graduates.

Institutional accreditation
Requirements and prerequisites

You'll need 120 credits to complete this Bachelor of Science in Correctional Program Support Services. Your course schedule may vary based on transferable credits or credits earned through the University's Prior Learning Assessment.

14 Core courses

Here's where you'll pick up the bulk of your program-specific knowledge. By the time you finish these courses, you should have the confidence and skills needed in a corrections environment.

- CPSS/210: Introduction to Criminal Justice
- CPSS/215: Survey of Corrections in the United States
- CPSS/240: Foundations of Criminal Behavior
- CPSS/300: Working with the Correctional Population
- CPSS/316: Social Psychology and Criminal Behavior
- CPSS/331: Ethics and Values for Support Services Professionals
- CPSS/332: Diversity and Special Populations
- CPSS/370: Intake, Assessment, and Classification
- CPSS/385: Case Planning and Case Management
- CPSS/395: Program Facilitation Skills
- CPSS/410: Overview of Mental Health in Criminal Justice
- CPSS/415: Working with Juvenile Offenders
- CPSS/420: Issues of Substance Abuse and Addiction
- CPSS/400: Institutional and Community-Based Programs

12 General Education courses

These courses lay the foundation for all our degree programs. Because communication, math and writing skills aren't just universally applicable in correctional program support services — they're useful in daily life.
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- GEN/201: Foundations for University Success
- PSY/110: Psychology of Learning
- ENG/110: English Composition I
- HUM/115: Critical Thinking in Everyday Life
- FP/100T: Everyday Economics and Finances
- ENG/210: English Composition II
- SOC/110: Teamwork, Collaboration, and Conflict Resolution
- SCI/220T: Human Nutrition
- HUM/186: Media Influences on American Culture
- ENV/100T: Principles of Environmental Science
- MTH/215T: Quantitative Reasoning I
- MTH/216T: Quantitative Reasoning II

14 Elective courses

Elective courses allow you to learn about topics you’re interested in, whether they’re related to your degree or not. That means you’ll have a degree that’s unique to you and your education goals.

- SOC/262: Contemporary American Society
- POL/115: American National Government
- SOC/100: Introduction to Sociology
- ARTS/100: Introduction to the Visual and Performing Arts
- POL/215: State and Local Political Processes
- SCI/163T: Elements of Health and Wellness
- PSY/203T: Foundations of Psychology
- PSY/250: Psychology of Personality
- PSY/205T: Life Span Human Development
- REL/133: World Religious Traditions I
- REL/134: World Religious Traditions II
- HUM/105: World Mythology
- HST/175: The American Experience Since 1945
- SOC/315: Cultural Diversity
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3 Correctional Program Support Services Elective courses

Specialize your degree by choosing to focus on mental health issues, substance abuse and chemical dependency, and working with juvenile offenders.

12 General education courses

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What you’ll learn

When you earn your on campus or online Bachelor or Science in Correctional Program Support Service, you’ll be equipped with a concrete set of skills you can apply on the job.

You’ll learn how to:

• Analyze evidence-based practices and trends for working with diverse individuals in community, human services, and institutional settings.
• Integrate knowledge, skills, and theory for structuring and administering direct service delivery and use of appropriate interventions with clients.
• Apply ethical decision-making models when resolving problems and/or issues related to providing support services and advocacy for justice-involved individuals.
• Examine biopsychosocial principles as they relate to personal, social, and organizational problems and/or issues.

Schedule

Your academic counselor will help schedule your courses for a Bachelor of Science in Correctional Program Support Services.

If you are located in Phoenix, this program may be offered as Blended. This means you’ll start at the Phoenix campus to complete your general education courses, and then transition to online learning for your core program courses.

Program Purpose Statement

The Bachelor of Science in Correctional Program Support Services is an educational degree program that provides a foundation or knowledge in the field of correctional program support services. This program does not prepare students for any type of professional certification or licensure as a correctional officer, social worker or counselor.

*While widely available, not all programs are available to residents of all states. Please check with a University Enrollment Representative.

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