

Bachelor of Science in Correctional Program Support Services



Approx. program length:

4 years

Credits:

120

Cost per credit:

\$398

[Tuition Guarantee](#)

Format:

Online & campus

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Get ready for a career at the intersection of community support, human services, and criminal justice. Our 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 are just 5 weeks long, so they can fit into your busy life.

You'll learn how to:

- Support families and children in community settings
- Develop professional intervention and facilitation skills to help address community needs
- Learn case planning and case management techniques
- Use reintegration and intervention strategies to help clients
- Gain a better understanding of how community services interact with the justice system

Projected job growth:

13%

According to [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)

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

A degree can prepare you to be a:

- Case manager
- Social services manager
- Community service manager
- Program eligibility specialist

According to the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), job growth for social and community service managers is projected to be much faster than average between 2018 and 2028.

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

Institutional accreditation

University of Phoenix is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), hlcommission.org. Since 1978, University of Phoenix has been continually accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and its predecessor.

Total credits required:

120

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.

17 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/225: SURVEY OF CORRECTIONAL PROGRAM CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
- CPSS/235: WORKING WITH THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM
- CPSS/240: FOUNDATIONS OF CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR
- CPSS/300: WORKING WITH THE CORRECTIONAL POPULATION
- CPSS/315: SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY
- CPSS/330: ESSENTIALS OF COMMUNICATION IN CORRECTIONS
- CPSS/370: INTAKE, ASSESSMENT, AND CLASSIFICATION
- CPSS/385: CASE PLANNING AND CASE MANAGEMENT
- CPSS/395: PROGRAM FACILITATION SKILLS
- CPSS/400: INSTITUTIONAL AND COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS
- CPSS/405: WORKING WITH SEX OFFENDERS
- CPSS/410: OVERVIEW OF MENTAL HEALTH IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE
- CPSS/415: WORKING WITH JUVENILE OFFENDERS
- CPSS/420: ISSUES OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND ADDICTION
- CPSS/430: MAINTAINING BOUNDARIES AND SELF-CARE

- GEN/201: FOUNDATIONS FOR UNIVERSITY SUCCESS
- PSY/110: PSYCHOLOGY OF LEARNING
- ENG/100: CRITICAL READING AND COMPOSITION
- HUM/115: CRITICAL THINKING IN EVERYDAY LIFE
- FP/100T: EVERYDAY ECONOMICS AND FINANCES
- ENG/200: RHETORIC AND RESEARCH
- SOC/110: TEAMWORK, COLLABORATION, AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION
- SCI/220T: HUMAN NUTRITION
- HUM/186: MEDIA INFLUENCES ON AMERICAN CULTURE
- SCI/256: PEOPLE, SCIENCE AND THE ENVIRONMENT
- REL/134: WORLD RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS II
- SOC/100: INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY
- POL/115: AMERICAN NATIONAL GOVERNMENT
- ENG/135: ESSENTIALS OF CONTEMPORARY COMMUNICATION
- SOC/262: CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN SOCIETY
- REL/133: WORLD RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS I
- ENG/340: CREATIVE WRITING
- MTH/215T: QUANTITATIVE REASONING I
- MTH/216T: QUANTITATIVE REASONING II

- SCI/163T: ELEMENTS OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS
- ARTS/100: INTRODUCTION TO THE VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS
- CPSS/411: MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES IN THE FORENSIC SETTING
- CPSS/412: ORGANIC- AND PHYSIOLOGICALLY-BASED DISORDERS
- CPSS/413: CHARACTER- AND PERSONALITY-BASED DISORDERS

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.

18 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 this field – they're useful in daily life.

2 Elective courses

Elective courses allow you to learn about topics you're interested in. That means you'll have a degree that's unique to you and your education goals.

What you'll learn

When you earn your Bachelor of Science in Correctional Program Support Services, you'll be equipped with a concrete set of skills you can apply on the job.

Download learning outcomes

Topics covered in this degree include:

- Issues with substance abuse and addiction
- Social psychology
- Program facilitation skills
- Case planning and management

Schedule

Your academic counselor will help schedule your courses for a Bachelor of Science in Correctional Program Support Services. Please note that on-campus students are required to physically attend class one day a week, typically from 6-10 p.m.

Depending on your location, this program may be offered as Blended. This means you'll start at a local campus* to complete your general education courses, and then transition to online learning for your core program courses.

*During COVID-19, while our campuses are temporarily closed, your local campus classes will be held virtually so you can get face-to-face learning at home.

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.