Bachelor of Science in Correctional Program Support Services

Approx. program length: 4 years
Credits: 120
Cost per credit: $398
Format: Online

Help vulnerable populations move forward

Embrace opportunities where community-based support services intersect with the criminal justice system. Earn a Bachelor of Science in Correctional Program Support Services. You’ll gain case management, program facilitation and other human services skills to help address the needs of those involved with — or affected by — the criminal justice system. And you’ll take just one 5-week course at a time, so you can balance work and life on the path to your degree.

In this degree program, you’ll:

• Gain a better understanding of how the justice system and community services interact
• Learn case planning and case management techniques
• Understand the realities offenders and their families face and support reintegration and intervention strategies to help them recover
• Develop professional intervention and facilitation skills to help address mental health, social, housing and other transitional needs in the community
• Support families and children in community settings

Serve your community and positively affect the lives of others with a BS in Correctional Program Support Services degree. There are no fieldwork or licensure components to this program.

What sets us apart?

When you choose our Bachelor of Science in Correctional Program Support Services, you’ll get:

Potential credit for certification
Fulfill up to 30 credits through POST certification by submitting your certification documents through our Prior Learning Assessment.

Real-world curriculum
Learn about behavioral and psychological issues that impact offenders, as well as case management skills to help them transition from the criminal justice system.

Classes that fit your life
You can complete your degree in four years, taking just one 5-week course at a time so you can balance work and life on the path to your degree.
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Projected job growth:

18%
According to Bureau of Labor Statistics

Job opportunities

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the job growth for social and community service managers is projected to be 18 percent between 2016 and 2026. A Bachelor of Science in Correctional Program Support Services degree can help prepare you to be a:

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

Networking opportunities

Access powerful networking tools through our PhoenixLink™ career services platform. Take advantage of personal career coaching. Search and apply for jobs, or make your resumé visible to employers. And connect with employers and alumni through career fairs and mixers. It’s all about connections. And we help you make them.

Learning outcomes

Along with the knowledge and skills related to the University Learning Goals, graduates should gain program-specific knowledge, skills and abilities. Each college or school creates a set of Program Student Learning Outcomes (PSLOs) to describe the knowledge, skills or attitudes students will possess upon completion of the program of study. By the time you complete your Bachelor of Science in Correctional Program Support Services, you should be able to perform these learning outcomes.

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.

The goal of accreditation is to ensure that education provided by institutions of higher education meets acceptable levels of quality. Accreditation is your assurance the University meets quality standards.

Institutional accreditation

Regional accreditation is an institution-level accreditation status granted by one of six U.S. regional accrediting bodies. Accreditation by more than one regional accrediting body is not permitted by the U.S. Department of Education.

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.
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Course length: 5 weeks
Total credits required: 120
Max. number of transfer credits: 90

Requirements and prerequisites

You'll need 120 credits to complete this program. These may be earned through a combination of required and elective courses. Required courses may vary based on previous experience, training or transferable credits. View general requirements.

Transfer or waive credits

Earn your degree faster. Transfer eligible college credits or, if you've completed the State Police Academy or Basic Corrections Academy training, you can apply to have relevant experience evaluated for potential college credit. Students in this program may waive up to 24 credits — or up to 30 with Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) certification — from your required course of study. Contact an enrollment representative at 844.YES.UOPX for more information.

Relevant curriculum

The BS in Correctional Program Support Services was designed in collaboration with University of Phoenix® Behavioral Sciences as well as corrections industry subject matter experts in order to address the real-world needs of professionals in the field.

Core courses

- CPSS405: Working With Sex Offenders
- CPSS420: Issues Of Substance Abuse And Addiction
- CPSS235: Working With The Juvenile Justice System
- CPSS330: Essentials Of Communication In Corrections
- CPSS215: Survey Of Corrections In The United States
- CPSS385: Case Planning And Case Management
- CPSS370: Intake, Assessment, And Classification
- CPSS395: Program Facilitation Skills
- CPSS315: Social Psychology
- CPSS400: Institutional And Community-based Programs
- CPSS410: Overview Of Mental Health In Criminal Justice
- CPSS240: Foundations Of Criminal Behavior
- CPSS225: Survey Of Correctional Program Career Opportunities
- CPSS210: Introduction To Criminal Justice
- CPSS300: Working With The Correctional Population
- CPSS430: Maintaining Boundaries And Self-care
- CPSS415: Working With Juvenile Offenders

While widely available, not all programs are available in all locations or in both online and on-campus formats. Please check with a University Enrollment Representative.