

Basics in Addiction Counseling (BAC) Concentration

The Basics in Addiction Counseling (BAC) Concentration is designed for a select group of undergraduate psychology majors who are interested in a career in the alcohol/drug counseling field. In addition to the standard psychology major requirements, the BAC Concentration involves a series of specialized addiction courses, as well as a multi-semester field placement at a Substance Use Disorder Treatment agency. Students admitted to the BAC concentration will have completed all coursework requirements to become a Licensed Substance Abuse Associate (LSAA) and Licensed Alcohol/Drug Abuse Counselor (LADAC).

To complete the BAC Concentration, students must complete 45 hours in psychology. In addition, students must earn a grade of “C” or better (grades of C- are not accepted) in all psychology courses. 24 credits MUST be taken at UNM (as opposed to transferred) to satisfy the residency requirement. Major requirements are only one portion of your undergraduate degree. Meet with an Undergraduate Program Advisor located in the Department to discuss the University and College level requirements in addition to the major. To earn the BA or BS Degree in Psychology students must declare a minor. To earn the BA degree students must select a minor from the approved College of Arts and Sciences minor list. To earn the BS degree students must declare a minor from the following: Evolutionary Anthropology; Biology; Chemistry; Computer Science; Mathematics; Physics; or Statistics. Meet with your Minor Department’s Departmental Advisor to review your minor requirements.

BAC Concentration Admission Requirements

All applicants are required meet the following requirements:

- ☐ Psychology Major
- ☐ Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or a Psychology GPA of 3.5
- ☐ Are committed to a career in the alcohol/drug counseling field
- ☐ Have interpersonal skills appropriate for a counseling career
- ☐ Have the ability to meet the program standards (with or without reasonable accommodation)
- ☐ Have read and acknowledged understanding of the New Mexico Counseling and Therapy Practice Board standards for licensure

Procedures to Apply

Interested applicants will provide:

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- Letter of interest
- Current resume (work, volunteer & academic experience)
- At least two letters of recommendation (must address the qualifications, character, and motivation of the applicant). These letters may come from employers, professors, or supervisors; these are not personal references.
- College transcripts (unofficial/Lobo Trax acceptable)
- Completed BAC Application

Courses:

These are the course requirements for students accepted into the Basics in Addictions Counseling Concentration of the Psychology undergraduate major. 24 credit hours must be taken from UNM to qualify (as opposed to transfer credits). Students are responsible for ensuring they meet graduation requirements and are advised to speak with their academic advisor about course planning.

Students take all of the courses below to fulfil the requirements for BAC Concentration except for the courses marked with an asterisk. For the courses marked with an asterisk, only three of the five marked need to be taken to fulfill the requirement.

Course #	Course Title	Pre Requisites	Credit Hours
Psyc 105/1110	Introduction to Psychology	none	3
Psych 200/2510	Statistical Principles	Psyc 105/1110	3
		Psyc 105/1110 or Bio 1110 or	
Psyc 240/2250	Brain and Behavior	1140	3
Psyc 302	Psychological Research Techniques	Psyc 2510	3
Psyc 220/2120	Developmental Psychology*	Psyc 105/1110	3
Psyc 260/2270	Learning and Memory*	Psyc 105/1110	3
Psyc 265/2220	Cognitive Psychology*	Psyc 105/1110	3
Psyc 271/2110	Social Psychology*	Psyc 105/1110	3
Psyc 280/2320	Health Psychology *	Psyc 105/1110	3
Psyc 332	Abnormal Behavior	Psyc 105/1110	3
Psyc 347	Drugs and Behavior	Psyc 2250	3
Psyc 430	Alcohol Use Disorders	Psyc 332	3
Psyc 411	Treatment of Addictions	Psyc 332 or Psyc 347 or Psyc 430	3
Psyc 335	Clinical Psychology	Psyc 105/1110	3
	Relevant Psyc Lab or Psyc 499 research		
varies	experience	varies	2
		Psyc 332 and Psyc 347 or Psyc	
Psyc 313	Case Management	411 or Psyc 430	1

Psyc 412	Applied Clinical Experience in Addictions Counseling	Psyc 332 and Psyc 335 and Psyc 347 or Psyc 430	6

Relevant Psychology Labs

The Basics in Addictions Counseling Committee approves labs based on clinical relevance to addictions counseling. Currently approved labs include: Body Image Lab and Practicum, Clinical Psychology Lab, Health Psychology Lab, Transcranial Stimulation Lab, Psychology 499 Research Lab individual mentored experience, and Developmental Neuroscience Laboratory.

Life and Work Experience

The BAC/ACE Program does not accept life experience and/ or previous work or volunteer experience for academic credit or for ACE placement.