

Certificate Alcohol & Other Drug Studies (AODS) 24-25



ABOUT THIS MAJOR

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TO EARN A Certificate A STUDENT MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

- [1] Completion of Major & Program Electives Courses
- [2] Minimum grade point average of 2.0
- [3] A C or better in all courses required for the major

Residency: Minimum of 12 units completed at AVC with a minimum of 9 of those units completed from the certificate/major. (credit earned by examination will not be included in these 12 units) Title 5, Section 54000: <http://ccr.oal.ca.gov>.

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Required Courses (39 units)	
PSY101 - General Psychology	3
PSY102 - Introduction to Alcohol and Other Drug Studies	3
PSY103 - The Physiology and Pharmacology of Psychoactive Drugs	3
PSY104 - Prevention, Intervention, and Education	3
PSY105 - Group Leadership and Process	3
PSY106 - Case Management, Law and Ethics	3
PSY107 - Chemical Dependency Family Counseling	3
PSY108 - Introduction to Psychological and Social Services	4
PSY109 - Directed Field Experience I	5
PSY110 - Directed Field Experience II	6
PSY234 - Abnormal Psychology	3

Program Electives- Complete (3 units) from the following:	
SOC101 - Introduction to Sociology	3
OR	
SOC112 - American Social Issues: Problems and Challenges	3

RECOMMENDED PATHWAY Certificate-Alcohol & Other Drug Studies (AODS)

The Recommended Plan of Study is determined by the discipline faculty.

- Take classes in **Summer** or **Intersession** if needed to complete your degree in a timely manner
- Fall/Spring: Max 19 units, 12-15 units Recommended.
- This is a certificate only program, currently no associated degree offered.

TERM 1	
Course	Units
PSY 101	3
PSY102	3
PSY104	3
Total Units	9

TERM 2	
Course	Units
PSY103	3
PSY106	3
Program Electives: #SOC101	3
Total Units	9

TERM 3	
Course	Units
PSY105	3
PSY108	4
PSY234	3
Total Units	10

TERM 4	
Course	Units
PSY107	3
PSY109	5
Total Units	8

TERM 5	
Course	Units
PSY110	6
Total Units	6

COUNSELING NOTE SECTION

Prerequisite: If a course is listed as a prerequisite for another course, that prerequisite course must be completed with a satisfactory grade to enroll in the next course. A satisfactory grade is a grade of "A," "B," "C" or "P". Students who enroll in classes for which they do not meet the prerequisites will be involuntarily dropped. Students will be notified of this involuntary drop. Title 5, Section 55200(d)

AVC 24-25 CATALOG: [ACADEMIC POLICIES](#)

INFORMATION and RESOURCES

Tutoring Assistance	Career Center	AVC Student Health Services
Transfer Center	Office of Students with Disabilities	Palmdale Center
Basic Needs	Financial Aid	Counseling Division

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The mission of the Alcohol and Other Drug Studies Program is to prepare students with academic training and hands on experience for employment in various substance abuse treatment settings and obtain California state certification as a drug and alcohol counselor. The Alcohol and Other Drug Studies Program facilitates and enhances student learning in a supportive environment, through comprehensive education, utilizing academic courses and field placement experiences. The AODS Certificate consists of an 11-course curriculum accredited by CAADE in 2004 and CCAPP in 2015 after their extensive review. Antelope Valley College's AODS courses prepare students to provide services in courtmandated, public, and private agencies for alcohol and drug intervention, treatment, and prevention. Students are prepared to work in agencies that provide intake, assessment, detoxification, impaired driver interventions, drug testing, crisis intervention, inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation, sober living services, relapse prevention, counseling, and family recovery.

The California Department of Health and Human Services requires that counselors who are employed in agencies providing alcohol and drug services must be certified to do so by having passed an approved state examination, or that they are enrolled as students in an accredited program such as Palomar College which prepares students for those exams.

CAADE, California Association of Alcohol/ Drug Educators, and CCAPP, California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals are both professional organizations that offer a state board certification examination. If you have a bachelor's degree in a related field, you could be eligible for a waiver/equivalency and only be required to take 15 units (must include field experience courses.) The exact information about your specific 15 units will be done directly through the certification board, CAADE.

To be eligible for the California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals written (computer) exam, CCAPP/IC&RC requirements include the completion of AODS courses: 150, 155, 160, (Supervised Practicum 140 or 298), 250,255, 260, and the Supervised Practicum AODS 299. Students must also complete Psych 101 or Soc 101. Students must complete 255 hours of internship work at an approved agency. To be eligible for the Certified Addictions Treatment Counselor (C.A.T.C.), CAADE requires that students must complete the courses listed below and additional requirements to obtain the Certificate of Achievement in AODS.

State certification requires you to have a high school diploma or equivalent.