

Cert. Alcohol & Other Drug Studies (AODS) 25-26



ABOUT THIS MAJOR

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 PSY 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. The AODS Certificate consists of an 12-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 court-mandated, 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. State certification requires you to have a high school diploma or equivalent. For more information, visit the [Social and Behavioral Sciences](#) division.

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

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[Total Units Required for the Major 42]

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

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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 | Summer: Max 9 units | Intersession: Max 6 units

Major

Program Electives

SEMESTER 1

Course Advisement	Units
AJ 101	3
PSY 102	3
PSY 104	3
Total Semester Units	9

SEMESTER 2

Course Advisement	Units
PSY 103	3
PSY 106	3
PROGRAM ELECTIVE : SOC 101 OR SOC 112	3
Total Semester Units	9

SEMESTER 3

Course Advisement	Units
PSY 105	3
PSY 108	4
PSY 234	3
Total Semester Units	10

SEMESTER 4

Course Advisement	Units
PSY 104	3
PSY 109	5
Total Semester Units	8

SEMESTER 5

Course Advisement	Units
PSY 110	6
Total Semester Units	6
Total Units	42

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)

Application for Graduation:

Antelope Valley College awards degrees three times annually following the Fall, Spring, and summer semesters. Students must apply for graduation to earn their degree or certificate. Applications are due by September 6 for spring/summer graduates and by February 14 for fall graduates.

AVC 25-26 CATALOG: [ACADEMIC POLICIES](#)

INFORMATION and RESOURCES

Tutoring Assistance
Transfer Center
Basic Needs

Career Center
Office of Students with Disabilities
Financial Aid

AVC Student Health Services
Palmdale Center
Counseling Division

TRANSFER BEGINS DAY 1

The State requires ALL STUDENTS to have a Comprehensive Education Plan. You MUST make a counseling appointment as soon as enrollment is established to receive your plan. Stop by the Counseling Center or call 661-722-6300 x 6338 to schedule an appointment.

7/16/25 (Angie Gonzalez)