

Palo Verde College

Program Outline Report

Program Basics

Program Title:

Alcohol and Drug Studies Specialist II
Certificate of Career Preparation

Program Status:

Active from 2025-2026 Fall (2025FA)

Department:

Alcohol & Drug Studies

Award Type:

Certificate of Career Preparation (Credit)

Program/Catalog Description

The ADS Specialist II Certificate builds upon the foundation established in ADS Specialist I, further developing the practical skills necessary for real-world application in the field of alcohol and drug counseling. This program focuses on individual and group counseling, treatment planning, and case management, while deepening students' understanding of the physiological and pharmacological aspects of substance use dependency. Additionally, it examines the impact of addiction on family dynamics and provides students with specialized knowledge for working with diverse populations affected by substance use disorders.

Control Number:

No value

Credential ID:

No value

Transferability:

No value

(SP01) Program TOP Code:

2104.40

(SP01) Program TOP Code:

Alcohol and Controlled Substances

(SP02) Student Program Award:

Certificate requiring 6 to fewer than 18 semester units (not approved by Chancellor's Office)

Maximum Credits:

15

Minimum Credits:

15

Curriculum Committee Approval Date:

04/10/2025

Board of Trustees Approval Date:

05/13/2025

External Review Approval Date:

05/13/2025

Proposal Details

Proposal Start:

2025-2026 Fall (2025FA)

What changes have been made to the program:

Changes to certificate description, adding ADS 103, ADS 107, removing ADS 102, ADS 105, ADS 110, PSY 210, PSY 220
The current certificates have a lot of overlap, we are making changes to streamline the certificates and make them building blocks towards the COA and or Degree.

Program Justification:

No value

Submission Rationale

• Change to Content

Program Requirements

Alcohol and Drug Studies Specialist II Certificate of Career Preparation (Total 15)

Complete all of the following

Required Core Skill Building Courses 15 units (Total 15)

Complete the following number of credits: 15

ADS103 - Case Management and Documentation	3
ADS106 - Counseling Interventions	3
ADS107 - Group Counseling	3
ADS108 - Family Dynamics of Addictions	3
ADS109 - Substance Abuse in Special Populations	3

Recommended Sequences

No value

Program Outcomes

Alcohol and Drug Studies Specialist II Certificate of Career Preparation

PSLO	Performance
1. Obtained fundamental skill and knowledge in the principles and practices in alcohol and drug treatment.	70

Program Narrative

Narrative Item 1. Program Goals and Objectives

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Narrative Item 2. Catalog Description

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Narrative Item 4. Master Planning (Not needed for Certificates of Career Preparation)

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Narrative Item 5. Enrollment and Completer Projections (Not needed for Certificates of Career Preparation)

Not needed for COP

Narrative Item 6. Place of Program in Curriculum/Similar Programs (Not needed for Certificates of Career Preparation)

Not needed for COP

Narrative Item 7. Similar Programs at Other Colleges in Service Area (Not needed for Certificates of Career Preparation)

Not needed for COP

LMI and Analysis

Not needed for COP

Advisory Committee Recommendations (Not needed for Certificates of Career Preparation)

Not needed for COP

Regional Consortia Recommendations (Not needed for Certificates of Career Preparation)

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