

# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (B.S.) IN ALCOHOL & DRUG STUDIES

## ONLINE

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Alcohol and drug abuse are two of the nation's most pervasive health problems. These issues affect people in all walks of life, from all backgrounds and across all economic and social boundaries. The Alcohol and Drug Studies (ADS) department is accredited through the International Coalition of Addiction Studies Education (INCASE) and gives students the tools needed to meet the growing demand for professionals skilled in drug and alcohol prevention, education, counseling and treatment.

The University of South Dakota offers one of only a handful of four-year undergraduate Alcohol & Drug Studies degrees in the nation. The bachelor's degree combines a strong academic foundation with real-world experience in counseling and prevention and focuses on science-based addiction education. This enables the professional to provide the highest quality addiction counseling to individuals dealing with substance abuse or substance dependence. In addition, the completion of the degree may qualify graduates to meet the standards for state, national and international certification for professional prevention specialists and treatment counselors/providers. Participants should contact the certifying body to assure courses meet certification requirements.

### CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

The South Dakota Certification Board for Alcohol and Drug Professionals (CBADP) can provide information on certification standards for the Academic Track. Please call CBADP at 605.332.2645 or visit [http://dss.sd.gov/behavioralhealthservices/licensingboards/board\\_ada.asp](http://dss.sd.gov/behavioralhealthservices/licensingboards/board_ada.asp).

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information, visit [www.usd.edu/cde/online-bachelor-of-science-in-alcohol-and-drug-studies.cfm](http://www.usd.edu/cde/online-bachelor-of-science-in-alcohol-and-drug-studies.cfm) or contact a higher education service site that is appropriate for you:

**Sioux Falls, Sioux City,  
Vermillion area & Worldwide**  
Division of Continuing Education  
1-800-233-7937  
605-677-6240  
[cde@usd.edu](mailto:cde@usd.edu)

**Rapid City & Pierre area**  
University Center - Rapid City  
Contact: Benjamin Krush  
605-718-4112  
[UC-RC@usd.edu](mailto:UC-RC@usd.edu)

### GETTING STARTED

- 1) To apply for admission to the University of South Dakota visit [www.usd.edu/cde/apply-now-bachelors-degree.cfm](http://www.usd.edu/cde/apply-now-bachelors-degree.cfm)
- 2) Applicants must complete a background check prior to admission
- 3) You will receive notification of acceptance or denial in a formal letter.
- 4) If accepted, consult with an advisor.
- 5) Register for classes (placement testing may be needed).

### TUITION RATES

For the most up-to-date online course tuition information, please visit: [www.usd.edu/cde/tuition-rates.cfm](http://www.usd.edu/cde/tuition-rates.cfm).

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### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1) **For automatic admittance to a baccalaureate degree program, first-time college or university students, under the age of 24, must submit 1) an official high school transcript or GED and 2) ACT or SAT scores and 3) meet one of the following criteria in each section (Section A & B):**

**Section A – must meet one of the following:**

- Earned an overall GPA of “C” or higher in certain required high school courses
- Completed the General Equivalency Diploma (GED) with a combined score of at least 2250 and a minimum of 400 on each test
- Met state requirements for the high school equivalency certificate

**Section B – must meet one of the following:**

- Ranked in the top 50 percent of high school graduating class
- ACT composite score of 21 or higher or SAT composite score of 990 or higher
- Earned a cumulative GPA of 2.6 (on a 4.0 scale) in high school

2) **For automatic admittance to a baccalaureate degree program, first-time college or university students, over the age of 24, must submit 1) an official high school transcript or GED and 2) ACT or SAT scores, if test was taken within the last five years, and 3) meet the following criteria:**

- Received a high school diploma or GED

**Please Note:** Applicants not meeting the above criteria may be admitted to USD at the associate's degree level if they submit 1) an official high school transcript or GED and 2) ACT or SAT scores (not required if applicant is over the age of 24) and 3) meet **one of the following requirements:**

- Ranked in the top 60 percent of high school graduating class
- ACT composite score of 18 or higher on the enhanced ACT or SAT score of 870 or higher or the SAT Reasoning Test Math and Critical Reading subscores total 870 or higher
- Earned a cumulative GPA of 2.6 (on a 4.0 scale) in high school
- Completed the GED with a combined score of at least 2250 and a minimum score of 400 on each test

**Associate degree pursuant students who are successful with university coursework (C or above) may declare a bachelor's degree through the appropriate university process.**

**3) Transfer applicants from accredited colleges or universities:**

- Will be admitted if they have at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA (on a 4.0 grading scale) for previous college or university coursework (official transcripts required)
- Some programs require a transfer GPA higher than the minimum
- The Dean of the school or college to which you are applying will evaluate applicants with a GPA under 2.0

In addition to the documentation outlined above, transfer applicants must submit official high school transcripts, official transcripts from each college or university previously attended, and ACT or SAT scores (not required if applicant is over the age of 24).



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## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS/COURSE ROTATION

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (B.S.) REQUIREMENTS

I. Major Requirements (outlined below)	45 credit hours
II. System Wide General Education Requirements	30 credit hours
III. Institutional Wide General Education Requirements	3 credit hours
IV. Minor	18 credit hours
V. Electives	24 credit hours
VI. Proficiency exam (Must be completed after 48 credit hours)	

### ADS CORE REQUIREMENTS (30 CREDIT HOURS)

Course	Course Title	Site	Rotation
ADS 116	Study of Alcohol Use & Abuse (3 cr)	Online/Correspondence	Every Semester/Every Semester
ADS 117	Study of Drug Use & Abuse (3 cr)	Online/Correspondence	Every Semester/Every Semester
ADS 220	Alcohol & Drug Helping Skills (3 cr)	Online	Every Semester
ADS 222	Alcohol & Drug Group Interactions (3 cr)	Online	Every Semester
ADS 315	Ethical & Legal Issues in the Substance Abuse Profession (3 cr)	Online	Every Semester
ADS 410	Working with Families on Alcohol/Drug Issues (3 cr)	Online	Every Spring, Every Summer
ADS 417L	Alcohol/Drug Individual Helping Skills Lab (3 cr)	*	*
ADS 418L	Alcohol/Drug Group Interaction (3 cr)	*	*
ADS 496	Advisor-Approved Independent Field Experience (6 cr)	On-site: Facility	Every Semester

ADS 116 and 117 are prerequisite courses for ADS 220 and ADS 222. After completion of these four courses, students may begin taking the upper-level ADS courses.

\* Students must complete all coursework and have their advisor's signature before starting their Field Experience.

### ADS SPECIALIZATION REQUIREMENTS (6 CREDIT HOURS - CHOOSE ONE OR BOTH OF THE SPECIALIZATION AREAS\*)

#### I) TREATMENT

Course	Course Title	Site	Rotation
ADS 422	Alcohol/Drug Treatment Continuum (3 cr)	Online	Every Fall; Every Spring
ADS 424	Psychopharmacology of Alcohol & Drug Abuse (3 cr)	Online	Every Summer

#### II) PREVENTION

ADS 421	Foundations of Alcohol/Drug Prevention (3 cr)	Online	Summer Even Years
ADS 426	Theory & Practice of Alcohol/Drug Prevention in Communities (3 cr)	Online	Summer Odd Years

\* The second specialization may count toward ADS elective credit hours

### ADS ELECTIVE REQUIREMENTS (MINIMUM OF 9 CREDIT HOURS - CHOOSE THREE OF THE FOLLOWING COURSES)

Course	Course Title	Site	Rotation
ADS 320	Adolescents Substance Issues (3 cr)	Online/Correspondence	Every Summer/Every Semester
ADS 412	Alcohol & Drug Use in Diverse Populations (3 cr)	Online/Correspondence	Every Spring/Every Semester
ADS 415	Native Americans & Substance Abuse (3 cr)	Online/Correspondence	Every Fall/Every Semester
ADS 420	CADE: Comprehensive Alcohol and Drug Education (3 cr)	Online	Every Fall
ADS 421	Foundations of Alcohol/Drug Prevention	Online	Summer Even Years
ADS 424	Psychopharmacology of Alcohol & Drug Abuse (3 cr)	Online	Every Summer
ADS 426	Theory & Practice of Alc./Drug Prev. in Communities (3 cr)	Online	Summer Odd Years
ADS 452	Alcohol & Drug Counseling Theories (3 cr)	Online	Every Spring

#### Additional Admission Requirements for the ADS major:

ADS majors of sophomore standing (a minimum of 32 total semester hours) must apply for formal admission to the major. Minimum admission requirements are: completion of ADS 116, ADS 117, ADS 220 and ADS 222 with a grade of "C" or better and a 2.5 overall grade point average. A criminal background check is also required for admission into the major.

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (B.S.) IN ALCOHOL & DRUG STUDIES PROGRAM TOTAL (120 CREDIT HOURS)

If you are a prospective student with a disability and need assistance or accommodations during the admission/application process, please contact the Director of Disability Services, 119B Service Center North, Vermillion, SD 57069. Phone: 605-677-6389 • Fax: 605-677-3172 • E-Mail: [disabilityservices@usd.edu](mailto:disabilityservices@usd.edu)