

Bachelor of Professional Studies

The Bachelor of Professional Studies (BPS) is an online Accelerated Degree Program (ADP) offering a flexible degree completion path addressing the unique needs of particular target groups. The accelerated delivery format is designed to ease the financial, time, and geographic constraints adults face in completing a baccalaureate program. Students complete the necessary hours for the degree within a convenient yet directed scheduling format under the guidance of advisors who understand the unique needs of the adult learner. The primary target groups include:

- Students graduating from community colleges
- Adults pursuing full-time careers or raising families
- Degree “stop-outs” who began but never completed a bachelor’s degree
- Individuals who have accumulated hours that cannot be applied toward a specific major
- The curriculum is designed to enhance workplace skills such as planning, organizational behavior, ethics, needs assessment, problem solving, communications, human resources, and technology applications.

Prior Learning Assessment (PLA)

A Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) process is available that could award up to 12 hours of upper-division credit for relevant work experience, professional development, or military training through a portfolio course. The course requires documentation to determine the number of credit hours awarded.

Program of Study (BPS)

General Education coursework or enrollment in courses as needed: 35 hours

Required Professional Core: 24 hours

PS 3003 Project Design

PS 3013 Professional Studies Seminar

PS 3023 Professional Communications

PS 3133 Applied Principles of Personnel Management

PS 3143 Applied Professional Research

PS 4003 Capstone Project

Six hours of Professional Studies electives from the following list of courses:

PS 4143 Nonprofit Governance

PS 4243 Planning for Adult Learners

PS 4343 Community Development

PS 4443 Professional Leadership

PS 4543 Workplace Supervision

PS 4643 Occupational Globalization and Diversity

PS 4743 Organizational Change

Selected Concentration: 18 hours

Agriculture Business (all courses not available online)

Child Development

Industrial/Organizational Psychology

Applied Leadership

Criminal Justice

Interdisciplinary Studies

Public Relations

Workforce Technology

Balance of electives: Varies

Hours needed to meet 40-hour upper division requirement or balance of 120 hours

Total: 120 hours

The Bachelor of Professional Studies is a degree program and not a program for teacher licensure. The degree may be used to meet the degree requirement for admission to an [alternative educator preparation program](#).

For more information and to view degree plans go to <https://bit.ly/2CEowBH>

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