

# BAS—Bachelor of Applied Science in Behavioral Health

*Beginning FALL 2025*

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## Details

**Length of Program:** 6 quarters (2 years)

**Completion Award:** Bachelor of Applied Science-Behavioral Health

**Website:** [BAS of Applied Science in Behavioral Health](#)

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## Program Description

The Bachelor of Applied Science Behavioral Health (BAS-BH) degree builds upon your existing associate degree (2-year) by adding junior and senior year courses focusing on behavioral health, case management, therapeutic skills, and treatment of mental health disorders.

Big Bend Community College (BBCC) offers this BAS-BH program in partnership with Wenatchee Valley College (WVC). Courses are offered online in a hi-flex structure, which enables students to attend in a hybrid learning environment that offers a blend of in-person and online instruction.

Students will gain valuable, high-demand, and practical skills necessary for entering the field of behavioral healthcare. There is a strong local need for trained BAS-BH professionals to start their career as:

- Behavior Analyst Coordinators
- Community Health Workers
- Crisis Intervention Specialists
- Healthcare Administrators
- Non-Profit Leadership Roles
- Outpatient Case Managers
- Social Services Specialists
- And other behavioral healthcare related roles!

The Bachelor of Applied Science in Behavioral Health (BAS-BH) program offers hands-on learning opportunities through field practicums at regional behavioral health clinics and community centers, requiring students to complete at least 240 hours of fieldwork.

This practical experience ensures skill development and aligns with the WA state Behavioral Health Support Specialist (BHSS) requirements. Upon graduation, students will need to pass a jurisprudence exam focused on law and ethics for credentialing. Instead of a comprehensive exam, the program uses a competency framework to assess skills throughout the coursework and practicum.

## INFORMATION SESSION:

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Live, virtual information sessions are held in the afternoon and evening. For dates, times, and Zoom link visit:

<https://www.bigbend.edu/academics/bas-in-behavioral-health>



## Getting Started

**To be considered for the Bachelor of Applied Science in Behavioral Health, prospective students must complete the following:**

### 1. APPLY

- ☐ Complete general Big Bend Community College [online application](#). *\*Previously admitted Big Bend students, do not need to reapply to the college.*
- ☐ Complete Bachelor of Applied Science-Behavioral Health (BAS-BH) [Application](#).

### 2. Get Funding

- ☐ Apply for [FAFSA \(Free Application for Federal Student Aid\)](#) OR [WASFA \(Washington Application for State Financial Aid\)](#) for DREAMers (non-citizens, WA state residents). [The Financial Aid Office](#) is available if you need help. Be aware of dates & deadlines.

SCHOOL CODE: 003770

## 3. Submit Transcripts

Contact each institution where you earned credits and have an official transcript sent to BBCC for evaluation. For questions, email: [admissions@bigbend.edu](mailto:admissions@bigbend.edu)

**Attended BBCC?** We will pull your records for you.

\*Official transcripts cannot be emailed.

**Please submit to:**

Big Bend Community College  
c/o Admissions Office  
7662 Chanute Street NE  
Moses Lake, WA 98837

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**Important Note:** Completed applications will be screened by committee. If selected, students will receive an acceptance email including important dates and events prior to the first day of classes.

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## Entry Requirements

Prior to admission into the BAS-BH program, math, English, and prerequisites must be finished. Admissions are at the discretion of the application screening committee.

1. Completed associate degree or 90 college-level credits from an accredited institution.
2. Minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA
3. Completed at 2.0 decimal grade or above in the following courses:
  - a. ENGL& 101 English Composition
  - b. ENGL& 102, 235, 202, or 203 (ENGL& 235 Technical Writing preferred).
  - c. A college-level math or its equivalent (*must meet SQR requirement*)
  - d. PSYC& 100 General Psychology
  - e. Humanities course

*\*Entry Requirements are continued on the next page.*

- 4. Completion of application for admission to the BAS Behavioral Health program.
- 5. Short answer essay response: Please describe why you are interested in completing the BAS Behavioral Health degree. Make sure to include any related professional, volunteer, academic, and/or personal experience in the field.
  - a. Limit – 250 words
  - b. Refer to program webpage for examples of quality responses, the scoring rubric, and the complete essay guidelines on program webpage:
    - i. Essays should be original work
    - ii. ChatGPT and other AI generated content is not acceptable
    - iii. Students can refer to their program coordinator and faculty for input on their draft.

## Criminal Background Check/Criminal Offender Record Information

While a criminal background check is not required during the application process, applicants who are offered admission to the program will need to complete a three-quarter field practicum.

It is important for students to understand that many human services agencies may require a criminal history background check to participate in the on-site field practicum.

A criminal history revealed in the background check will not automatically disqualify an applicant from admission to the program. However, it may limit the range of field practicum placements available to the student.

BBCC and WVC cannot guarantee field practicum placement for students with a positive criminal

background report. Completion of the field practicum is a required component of the BAS-BH program.

## Full-Time Course Schedule

*This schedule is based on full-time enrollment:*

### Year 1 | Quarter One (Fall)

- ☐ AS 100: Survey of Addictions (5 credits)
- ☐ PSYC& 220 Psychological Disorders (5 credits)
- ☐ BH 300: Intro to Behavioral Healthcare (5 credits)

### Quarter Two (Winter)

- ☐ PSYC 270: Psychology of Addiction & Recovery (5 credits)
- ☐ BH& 330: Ethics in Behavioral Healthcare (5 credits)
- ☐ BH& 320: Cultural & Social Issues in Behavioral Healthcare / Social Science\* (5 credits)

### Quarter Three (Spring)

- ☐ BH& 400: Case Management (5 credits)
- ☐ BH& 340: Professional Development (5 credits)
- ☐ BH& 420: Assessment of Mental Health Disorders (5 credits)

### Year 2 | Quarter Four (Fall)

- ☐ BH 360: Treatment of Behavioral Health Disorders (5 credits)
- ☐ BH& 450: Advanced Counseling Techniques (5 credits)
- ☐ BH& 491: Practicum I (5 credits)

### Quarter Five (Winter)

- ☐ Natural Science with Lab (BIOL&100 recommended - 5 credits)
- ☐ BH 410: Group Counseling (5 credits)
- ☐ BH 492: Field Practicum II (5 credits)

### Quarter Six (Spring)

- ☐ BH&350 Behavioral Neuroscience (5 credits)
- ☐ BH 493: Field Practicum III (5 credits)
- ☐ \*GEN ED: Any Advisor approved humanities, social science, math, or science course. (5 credits)

**BAS-BH Program Total Credits = 90**

*\*Can be approved General Elective if gen eds are met.*

**Important Note:**

A part-time schedule is available for this program. Please work with your academic advisor to outline a quarterly completion plan.

**Part-Time Course Schedule**

*This schedule is based on Part-time enrollment:*

**Year 1 | Quarter One (Fall)**

- ☐ CDS 100: Survey of Addictive Drugs (5 credits)
- ☐ BH 300: Intro to Behavioral Healthcare (5 credits)

**Quarter Two (Winter)**

- ☐ BH& 330: Ethics in Behavioral Healthcare (5 credits)
- ☐ PSYC 270: Psychology of Addiction & Recovery (5 credits)

**Quarter Three (Spring)**

- ☐ BH& 400: Case Management (5 credits)
- ☐ BH 360: Assessment & Goal Planning (5 credits)

**Year 2 | Quarter Four (Fall)**

- ☐ PSYC& 220 Psychological Disorders (5 credits)
- ☐ BH& 420: Treatment and Assessment of Mental Health Disorders (5 credits)

**Quarter Five (Winter)**

- ☐ BH& 320: Cultural & Social Issues in Behavioral Healthcare / Social Science\* (5 credits)
- ☐ BH 410: Group Counseling (5 credits)

**Quarter Six (Spring)**

- ☐ BH&350 Behavioral Neuroscience (5 credits)
- ☐ BH& 340: Professional Development (5 credits)

**Year 3 | Quarter Seven (Fall)**

- ☐ BH& 450: Advanced Counseling Techniques (5 credits)
- ☐ BH& 491: Field Practicum I (5 credits)

**Quarter Eight (Winter)**

- ☐ Lab Science (LS) (BIOL&100 recommended - 5 credits)
- ☐ BH 492: Field Practicum II (5 credits)

**Quarter Nine (Spring)**

- ☐ BH 493: Field Practicum III (5 credits) \*GEN ED: Any Advisor approved humanities, social science, math, or science course. (5 credits)

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**FAQ's**

**Q: Which Quarter Can I Begin?**

A: The BAS-BH program accepts new cohorts each fall quarter.

**Q: When and how are classes offered?**

A: The BAS-BH program is thoughtfully designed to meet the needs of working professionals and place-bound students. To provide flexibility and accessibility, courses are offered in a hybrid format. Students will attend live sessions three times per quarter, with the remainder of the coursework completed online, ensuring a balanced and convenient learning experience.

Faculty will use web-enhanced technology during live-sessions to ensure students can participate at the host site or from home.

## FAQ's (Continued)

**Q: Do I need to apply for the program?**

A: Yes. Students interested in the BAS-BH program must complete an application and be accepted into the program.

All applicants will receive a letter indicating if they have been accepted into the program. If you are interested in starting the BAS-BH program in the fall, you should meet with an advisor to determine if you have met the entry requirements.

## Important Note about Transfer Degrees:

Students who wish to transfer to a graduate program should obtain the institution's catalog and review the program's requirements to which they would like to transfer.



## Career Possibilities and Earnings

Potential positions include Behavior Analyst Coordinators, Community Health Workers, Crisis Intervention Specialists, Healthcare Administrators, Non-Profit Leadership Roles, Outpatient Case Managers, Social Services Specialists, and other behavioral healthcare related positions.

These positions are in high demand and aimed at supporting the needs of local mental healthcare providers.

**For current employment and wage estimates, please visit and search for the relevant occupational term:**

[www.bls.gov/oes](http://www.bls.gov/oes)

## Tuition, Fees, & Other Costs

Official transcripts sent from outside colleges: \$20.00

BAS registration fee (*One-time fee*): \$35.00

Books, supplies, and misc. fees: varies

Approximate quarterly tuition/fees: \$2600.00

*\*Tuition costs for this program range from \$2,300. - \$2,600 per quarter.*

## Student Learning Outcomes

When this program is completed, the student will be able to:

- ☐ **Communication:** Communicate empathetically and effectively with clients and their family members, peers, or other members of a care team to enhance outcomes and meaningfully contribute to improving health care initiatives.
- ☐ **Industry Knowledge:** Demonstrate knowledge of the structures, functions, and organizations within the healthcare system and focused solutions related to the Behavioral Health field.
- ☐ **Ethics and Integrity:** Exhibit integrity and practice ethical behavior as a skilled professional in the field and demonstrate knowledge of rules and regulations related to confidentiality. Develop and cultivate consistent practices of self-care and self-reflection.
- ☐ Apply and analyze **multicultural strategies** to facilitate respectful and equitable inclusion of diverse individuals and perspectives to approach work with cultural sensitivity and humility.
- ☐ **Client-Centered Care:** Understand how to conduct screenings and assessments to gather information for developing and implementing client-centered care plans.



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- ❑ **Behavioral Health Interventions:** Understand various theories of practice for behavioral health interventions.
- ❑ Identify and address barriers that hinder access and equity in the BH healthcare system to deliver culturally relevant services to clients and their families.

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## Helpful Hints

- ❑ Admission into the BAS-BH program is required for all upper division courses at the 300 and 400 level.
- ❑ Students from associate degree programs in criminal justice, early childhood education, and medical assistance studies are encouraged to apply.



## Did You Know?

- ❑ With the recent passage of the SSB 5189 mandate, the Washington State Health Care Authority will now cover services provided by Behavioral Health Support Specialists (BHSS) care providers.
- ❑ This mandate is expected to significantly increase the demand for BHSS care provider, leading to enhanced hiring opportunities and potential salary growth to meet this rising need.
- ❑ The **BAS in Behavioral Health (BAS-BH)** program is strategically designed to align with this growing demand for behavioral health professionals.

Graduates are prepared for roles in a range of industries, including law enforcement, education, and other community-based services.

- ❑ This program equips students with the essential skills and knowledge to successfully pursue **BHSS credentialing**, which begins in **January 2025**, ensuring they are ready to make a meaningful impact in their communities and beyond.

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## Still have questions?

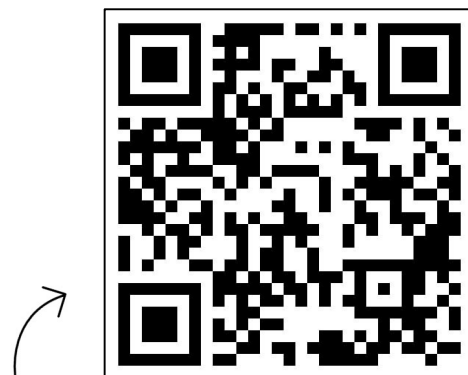
**We are happy to answer them for you!**

### Next Steps:

1. **Get in touch with an advisor.**
2. **Attend a virtual information session.**
3. **Get ready to apply! BAS-BH Applications open on February 3, 2025.**

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## Applications open Feb. 3, 2025!



**Scan the QR to connect to our website and learn more about how to apply!**

Or visit:

<https://www.bigbend.edu/academics/bas-in-behavioral-health>