

The Program

The goal of the Collaborative Program in Addiction Studies (CoPAS) at the University of Toronto is to develop and integrate graduate training in the multidisciplinary field of addictions. This field encompasses the use and abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other psychoactive substances, as well as gambling and other addictive behaviours.

Students fulfilling the requirements of the collaborating department and CoPAS will receive a notation indicating completion of a specialization in Addiction Studies on the transcript issued by the School of Graduate Studies.

What CoPAS Offers

- the multidisciplinary perspective of 12 collaborating graduate departments
- graduate training and research on the etiology, prevention and treatment of addictions
- graduate courses on a wide range of topics related to addictions
- formal recognition of completion of requirements
- access to scientists, educational seminars and library resources at CoPAS's three sponsoring centres
- a Research and Careers Day for students to meet CoPAS faculty and learn about other students' work
- access to the H. David Archibald OGSST Scholarship
- access to the Oriana Josseau Kalant Memorial Award

Collaborating Graduate Departments

- Adult Education, Community Development and Counselling Psychology
- Anthropology
- Biomedical Engineering
- Criminology
- Information Studies
- Medical Science
- Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Pharmacology
- Psychology
- Public Health Sciences
- Social Work
- Sociology

Sponsoring Centres

CoPAS has three sponsors — the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse and the Ontario Tobacco Research Unit.

Eligibility

CoPAS is not a degree program. To be eligible for admission to CoPAS, students must first apply to and register in one of the collaborating graduate departments. Through the collaborating department, students can then apply for admission to CoPAS. Students admitted to CoPAS must follow a program of study that meets the requirements of both the collaborating department and CoPAS.

CoPAS Requirements

All Master's and PhD students are required to take PAS 3700 (*Multidisciplinary Aspects of Addictions*) plus a second half-year course from the list of approved elective courses. (See list.) PhD students who met these CoPAS requirements while completing their master's are required to take one more approved elective course.

A directed reading course on an addictions topic may substitute for an elective course. A plan of study for the course must be approved by the director of CoPAS.

In collaborating departments in which a thesis is required, the thesis must deal with an addictions-related topic. Thesis work will be supervised, evaluated and approved according to the practices of the collaborating graduate department. Normally, a CoPAS faculty member will be on the student's supervisory committee, and will be involved in approval of the thesis.

In collaborating departments that do not require a thesis, a practicum or major research paper will be accepted instead of a thesis, as long as the topic or focus is directly related to addictions.

In collaborating departments that do not have a thesis or equivalent requirement, students must take a third half-year course from the list of approved electives.

CoPAS Core Course

- PAS 3700H: Multidisciplinary Aspects of Addictions (formerly ATS 3700)

CoPAS Elective Courses

- PAS 3701H: Advanced Research Issues in Addictions (formerly ATS 3701)
- CHL 5417H : Tobacco and Health: from Cells to Society
- CHL 5119H: Social and Political Perspectives on Drugs and Addictions
- CRI 3240H: Penology
- MSC1085H: Molecular Approaches to Mental Health and Addictions
- PCL 1005H: Behavioural Pharmacology
- PHM 1107H: Advanced Pharmacokinetics I
- PHM 1108H: Advanced Pharmacokinetics II

- PHM 1110H: Chemical Basis of Drug Metabolism
- PSY 2703H: Psychology of Addictions
- SWK 4616H: Drug Dependence: Treatment Perspectives
- SOC 6123H: Sociology of Addiction

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