

The six required core courses are newly designed for this program. The courses and their descriptions are provided in the following table.

	Course Title	Course Description
PFST 301	Introduction to Professional Studies	This course introduces the adult student to the BPS degree program and helps them link prior learning and/or experience with future career goals. The course also provides a broad and analytical perspective on the principles of learning as a working adult.
PFST 302	Diversity and Collaboration in the Workplace	Students learn principles and best practices governing human interaction in professional settings. Ethical principles are integrated with practical principles and practices, as these together foster strong professional organizations and positive community relationships.
PFST 303	Applied Critical Thinking	Students build their critical thinking skills for application in academic and professional settings. Students learn a practical method of critical thought and analysis and develop written and spoken application of the method to understand and resolve practical real-world challenges and issues.
PFST 401	Professional Identity and Leadership Development	Students establish and develop a professional identity and refine professional skills for application in specific professional settings. Students will encounter complex and challenging professional problems and apply ethical principles and critical thinking strategies to resolve them.
PFST 402	Global Environments and Economies	This course introduces the student to the systems and complexities of the global economy and to the issues that these create for the working professional. The course reveals principles for critically understanding and evaluating the global dimensions of the given professional setting. Faculty-led study of professional settings abroad is an integral component of the course; other global experiences may be considered pending approval from the program.

	Course Title	Course Description
PFST 495	Professional Studies Capstone Seminar	Students draw upon the resources of their core and concentration coursework to conduct an independent research project or practical field study at their place of employment, at a community organization, or at Winthrop University on a contemporary work-related issue. The research or practical field study will allow students to work on a question or problem of their choice. Students will apply ethical, critical, and professional principles to research, understand, and resolve their chosen issue.