BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PSYCHOLOGY IN APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS

Description and Outcomes
The Bachelor of Science in Psychology in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) degree provides you with the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to prepare for graduate study or to work effectively with individuals in a variety of settings. This program provides an examination of the design, analysis, and application of learning theories and behavioral principles. It is designed to prepare you to pursue careers working with children and adults struggling with behaviors ranging from difficulty with everyday social interactions to various disorders including autism spectrum disorders, and other mental health challenges.

If you have already completed an associate's or bachelor's degree from an accredited institution, you may be eligible for degree requirements to be waived and replaced with advanced start credit. Refer to Advanced Start Credit in Bachelor's Degrees (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/prior-learning/advanced-start-credit-bachelors-degrees/) for details.

Accelerated Master’s Degree Option
If you are interested in earning a master's degree in human services, legal studies, psychology, or public administration, consider an accelerated master’s degree option. Refer to the Progression Requirements (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/social-behavioral-sciences/) section for details.

Program Length
The Bachelor of Science in Psychology in Applied Behavior Analysis program consists of a minimum of 180 quarter credit hours. Upon successful completion of the program, you will be awarded a bachelor of science degree.

Program Outcomes

**Discipline-Specific Outcomes**

1. **Disciplinary Knowledge and Skills:** Draw upon foundational principles in the field of psychology, including applied behavior analysis, including historical considerations, fundamental principles, and current trends in the field to design effective treatment.
2. **Research and Analysis:** Utilize basic methodology in psychology including research design, data analysis, and the interpretation and evaluation of findings to determine effective client services.
3. **Critical Thinking and Problem Solving:** Use analytical thinking, skeptical inquiry, and the scientific approach in solving problems related to behavior and mental health as they relate to the DSM-5 diagnostic categories to design individualized treatment plans.
4. **Disciplinary Knowledge and Skills:** Apply conceptual knowledge of principles of applied behavior analysis to case examples and scenarios that reflect everyday problems within individuals, families, and organizations with regard to functional assessments, behavior intervention plans, and the evaluation of effectiveness of treatment.
5. **Professionalism and Ethics:** Demonstrate competent and ethical practice in the field of applied behavior analysis through the conduct of functional behavior assessments that inform function-based behavior intervention plans that address socially significant behaviors.
6. **Communication:** Explain treatment approaches in terms that clients, their families, and organizations can understand to gain informed consent.

**General Education Literacies and Professional Competencies**
In addition to the discipline-specific outcomes, general education literacies and professional competencies are integrated throughout your academic program. You can review the general education literacies and professional competencies associated with your academic program in the General Education and Professional Competency Requirements (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/general-education-professional-competency-requirements/) section of this Catalog.

**Certification, State Board, and National Board Exams**
Certain state certification and licensure boards have specific educational requirements for programs to lead to a license or nongovernmental certification that is a precondition for employment in a recognized occupation.

Unless otherwise specified, Purdue Global's programs are not designed to meet any specific state's licensure or certification requirements. If certain licensed occupations, vocations, or professions are not explicitly listed, Purdue Global has not reviewed the licensure or certification requirements of those occupations, vocations, or professions, nor intended the program to meet such requirements. Licensure-track programs may limit enrollment to students in certain states; please see Purdue Global's Program Availability Information (https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf) to determine enrollment eligibility.

You are responsible for understanding the requirements of optional certification exams. Such requirements may change during the course of your program. You are not automatically certified in any way upon program completion. Although certain programs are designed to prepare you to take optional certification exams, Purdue Global cannot guarantee you will be eligible to take these exams or become certified. Your eligibility may depend on your work experience, completion of
education and/or degree requirements, not having a criminal record,
meeting other certification requirements, or the program or the University
itself having appropriate accreditation or licensure.

The Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI) has verified
the Purdue Global course sequence as meeting the coursework
requirements for eligibility to take the Board Certified Assistant
Behavior Analyst® (BCaBA®) examination given by the Behavior Analyst
Certification Board®, Inc. (BACB®).

The Bachelor of Science in Psychology in Applied Behavior Analysis
meets educational requirements for the BCaBA examination in the
commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the territory of Guam, and all states.

It is important to understand that the out-of-state requirements vary
by state and can change with little to no warning. Students seeking
licensure or certification in another state should inquire directly to
the jurisdiction where employment is desired. The BCBA licensure
requirements may be viewed at the following link:
https://www.bacb.com/u-s-licensure-of-behavior-analysts/

Beginning January 1, 2023, applications for BCaBA or BCBA certification
from candidates who live outside of the United States and other
designated countries will no longer be accepted, per the Behavior Analyst
Certification Board’s (BACB) Global Certification policies. Specific
information regarding this policy can be found on the BACB’s website at

The BACB can be contacted at:
Behavior Analyst Certification Board
8051 Shaffer Parkway
Littleton, CO 80127
Tel: 720.438.4321

Degree Plan
The icon appears in the title of traditional courses that are also available as a set of module
courses. Module course availability may be limited to certain academic calendars. See Course
Types (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/university-information/
approach-to-learning/) for information about module courses.

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Program Requirements

1. For options to fulfill this requirement, see the corresponding literacy in General Education
and Professional Competency Requirements (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/
undergraduate/general-education-professional-competency-requirements/).
2. These degree requirements can be waived for students who are eligible for advanced
start credit with a prior degree. See Advanced Start Credit in Bachelor’s Degrees (https://
catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/prior-learning/advanced-start-credit-bachelors-
degrees/) for details.
3. Eligible students who choose to complete the accelerated master’s degree option will take
four graduate-level courses in addition to selected undergraduate electives.