



Master of Science in

PSYCHOLOGY

Come Back Stronger, Ready to Take Your Psychology Career Further

This is your time. Your moment. Earn your master's degree and expand your impact helping others and driving change. Our program blends the rich, academic tradition of psychology with the contemporary applications of science. You'll focus on the processes that underlie individual human experience and behavior, as well as core knowledge, theories, and research in the field. Build the skills and expertise you need to advance your career, while meeting the educational requirements to pursue further credentialing in your field.



Why Study Psychology at Purdue Global?

Built for Working Adults

Complete courses online, without compromising your work or family schedule. Some concentrations include a practicum, which may be completed at a location of your choice.

Backed by the Power of Purdue

Earn a degree you can be proud of — and one that employers will respect. Achieve more in the psychology field with a name that opens doors in your career.

Personalized Degree

Build the specialized expertise that matters most for your individual career path. Choose from general psychology, addictions, forensic psychology, or industrial/organizational psychology concentrations.

Practical Experience

Gains hands-on experience in the field and get a head start on the field experience hours you'll need for certification exams. An optional practicum is available in the industrial/organizational psychology concentration, and a two-term practicum is required for the addictions concentration.

Expert Faculty

Learn from psychology practitioners with the real-world experience to know what it takes to advance in the field. All faculty possess a doctorate degree and relevant industry credentials.

Personal Support

Work directly with faculty through online discussion boards and seminars, and enjoy no-cost individual tutoring. In addition, academic and career advisors are dedicated to helping you balance school with your career and life responsibilities.

An Education That's Proven and Respected

Purdue Global is part of the respected Purdue University system. One of the most prestigious research universities in the world, Purdue is ranked #16 most innovative company in the world alongside Open AI, NASA, and Microsoft.¹

Program Outcomes Support Your Career Growth

Become a Specialist or Supervisor

Take on higher-level positions in social services or health care organizations, community behavioral health centers, vocational rehabilitation centers, early intervention programs, criminal justice organizations, and correctional programs.

Prepare for Certification

Our master's degree program helps you meet the educational requirements for certifications in addictions and substance abuse.²

Take the Next Step to a Doctorate

This program serves as a pathway to a doctoral degree, which is generally required if your future goals include working as a psychologist.³

Put Your Passion to Practice

The program emphasizes practical application, so that you gain the tangible skills to make a real-world difference helping others, empowering people, and driving change.



Curriculum

Courses are updated regularly to reflect the latest developments in the field of psychology. Choose a concentration to develop specialized expertise in your chosen career path:

- **General Psychology:** Learn to apply psychological principles and research methods and to investigate emotional, physical, cognitive, and social aspects of human behavior. Study behavioral approaches, neuropsychological perspectives and technologies, issues in psychopathology, and cognitive psychology.
- **Addictions:** Study the principles of addictions counseling, group counseling, psychopharmacology, and co-occurring disorders. Prepare to counsel clients who have problems with alcohol, drugs, gambling, and eating disorders.
Note: Indiana students are required to obtain 700 hours of university-sponsored practicum to seek state licensure as an addiction counselor.
- **Forensic Psychology:** Prepare to work with various populations within the criminal and civil legal systems. Study cybercrime, criminal investigative analysis and profiling, terrorism, and victim advocacy. Explore the biological, psychological, and social factors impacting criminal behavior, and evaluate psychological approaches and their effectiveness in dealing with offenders.
- **Industrial/Organizational (I/O) Psychology:** Apply psychological principles to the business world and explore the theories, methods, and practice of I/O psychology. Improve workplace motivation and attitudes, employee training, evaluation and leadership, organizational behavior, and human resources.

Program Detail

Credit Hours

CONCENTRATION	THESIS TRACK	MASTER'S CAPSTONE IN PSYCHOLOGY TRACK
General Psychology	65	60
Addictions	75	70
Forensic Psychology	65	60
Industrial/Organizational (I/O) Psychology	65 (nonpracticum) 70 (practicum)	60 (nonpracticum) 65 (practicum)

Program Length: 1.5–2.5 years of full-time study, depending on academic pathway

Course Load: 2 courses per term (may complete 3 per term with dean's approval)

Terms: 10 weeks long

Start Dates: Every 11 weeks

Delivery: Online (onsite practicum: optional in the I/O concentrations; required for addictions)

Additional Programs

- Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis
- Applied Behavior Analysis Postbaccalaureate Certificate
- Master of Science in Human Services
- Graduate Certificate in Industrial/Organizational Psychology



NAADAC-Approved Education Provider

Purdue Global is approved as an education provider by NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals. In addition, the Master of Science in Psychology with a concentration in addictions is accredited by the National Addiction Studies Accreditation Commission (NASAC, NASACAccreditation.org).

The addictions concentration fulfills the coursework requirements to take the optional National Certification Commission for Addiction Professionals Master Addictions Counselor (MAC) examination. Graduates must meet additional license and field experience requirements to qualify.⁴

Career and Networking Opportunities

Industry Outlook⁵

- Employment in this field is expected to grow faster than or much faster than average from 2022 to 2032 due to increased demand for psychological services in schools, hospitals, social service agencies, and mental health centers.
- Overall employment of substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health counselors is expected to increase much faster than average during the same period.
- Social service professionals with a master's degree can have an employment advantage.

Career Pathways and Outcomes⁶

Roles

- Addictions specialist
- Mental health technician
- Case manager
- Social and community services specialist/manager
- Training and development manager
- HR professional
- Talent specialist/manager

Settings/Industries

- Human resources departments
- Employee-assistance groups
- Early intervention programs
- Businesses research facilities
- Drug and alcohol rehabs
- Schools
- Vocational rehabilitation programs
- Community behavioral or mental health centers
- Criminal justice organizations
- Correctional programs

Center for Career Advancement

Our team of Career Specialists connects you with job and networking opportunities, and offers the following assistance:

- Career assessment/exploration
- Resume and cover letter review
- Interview preparation/mock interviews
- Portfolio development to showcase your skills
- Assistance in building an online presence
- Job search and networking support
- Virtual career fairs
- 24/7 online access to job openings and career development tools

Student Organizations and Honor Societies

- Psi Chi International Honor Society
- Psychology Club



Purdue Global Is Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission

The HLC (HLCCommission.org) is an institutional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Military Friendly

We offer reduced tuition rates for servicemembers, veterans, and spouses.

Contact an Admissions Advisor at 844-PURDUE-G or visit PurdueGlobal.edu.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PLEASE READ

For comprehensive consumer information, visit Info.PurdueGlobal.edu.

1 Sources: www.fastcompany.com/most-innovative-companies/2023 and www.fastcompany.com/90846988/most-innovative-companies-education-2023. Rankings apply to Purdue University West Lafayette and not Purdue Global.

2 Students are responsible for understanding the requirements of optional certification exams. The University cannot guarantee students will be eligible to sit for or pass exams. In some cases, work experience, additional coursework beyond the Purdue Global program, fieldwork, and/or background checks may be necessary to be eligible to take or to successfully pass the exams.

3 The University cannot guarantee that students will be granted admission to any graduate or doctoral programs.

4 The Master of Science in Psychology with a concentration in addictions is accredited by the National Addiction Studies Accreditation Commission (NASAC, NASACAccreditation.org). Purdue Global is a NAADAC Approved Education Provider, and the master's degree meets the coursework requirements to prepare students to take the optional National Certification Commission for Addiction Professionals' Master Addictions Counselor (MAC) examination. The University cannot guarantee students will be eligible to sit for or pass exams. Refer to Licensure.PurdueGlobal.edu for state-specific licensure requirements. Note: Applicants must meet additional requirements to take the optional MAC examination, including degree, field experience, and licensure requirements. Refer to <https://www.naadac.org/mac> for full eligibility requirements.

The Master of Science in Psychology program with a concentration in addictions meets certain state-specific requirements. Refer to Purdue Global's State Licensure and Certifications page for state-specific licensure information. It is important to note that while earning a master's degree in psychology may qualify students to work in the helping professions, a doctorate degree is required to become a psychologist and a medical degree is required to become a psychiatrist.

5 Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Psychologists; Substance Abuse, Behavioral Disorder, and Mental Health Counselors; and Social Service Professionals. National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.

6 Purdue Global does not guarantee employment or career advancement. Actual outcomes vary by geographic area, previous work experience and opportunities for employment. In addition, job titles and responsibilities may vary from organization to organization.