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.

Nationally Ranked and Respected
Purdue Global is part of the respected Purdue University system. One of the most prestigious research universities in the world, Purdue University is ranked in the top 10 best public universities in the U.S. by The Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education.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.
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.

- **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**

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**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/Postgraduate Certificates:  
- Industrial/Organizational Psychology  
- Addictions

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**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 National Certification Commission for Addiction Professionals Master Addictions Counselor (MAC) examination. Graduates must meet additional license and field experience requirements to qualify.
Career and Networking Opportunities

Industry Outlook

- Employment in this field is expected to grow as fast or much faster than average from 2021 to 2031 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 Outcomes

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 (HLCommission.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.

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