

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PSYCHOLOGY

ADVANCE YOUR CAREER HELPING OTHERS AND DRIVING CHANGE

Our online master's degree in psychology offers you an opportunity to blend the rich, academic tradition of psychology with the contemporary applications of science. You will focus on the processes that underlie the individual human experience and behavior, as well as core knowledge, theories, and research in the field. The program is designed to build the skills and expertise you need to advance your career, while helping you meet the educational requirements to pursue further credentialing in your field.

WHY STUDY PSYCHOLOGY AT PURDUE UNIVERSITY GLOBAL?

ONLINE FLEXIBILITY FOR WORKING ADULTS

Complete your coursework 100% online, while meeting the demands of your career. You can also visit one of our regional locations to take advantage of local, onsite support and services. Some concentrations include a practicum, which may be completed at a location of your choice.

CUSTOMIZABLE DEGREE

Choose general psychology, addictions, applied behavior analysis, forensic psychology, or industrial/organizational psychology concentrations.

HANDS-ON, REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE

Gain experience in the field and get a head start on field experience hours required for certification exams. An optional practicum is available in the applied behavior analysis and industrial/organizational psychology concentrations, and a two-term practicum is required for the addictions concentration.

FACULTY EXPERTISE

Learn from psychology practitioners with extensive experience in the field. All faculty possess a doctorate degree and relevant industry credentials.

ONE-ON-ONE MENTORING

Work directly with faculty during online discussion boards and faculty office hours. You will also have access to the Graduate Resource Center, quarterly concentration-specific student webinars, and no-cost tutoring. Academic and career advisors are dedicated to helping you balance school with your career and life responsibilities.

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 behavioral analysis or addictions and substance abuse.²

TAKE THE NEXT STEP TO A DOCTORATE

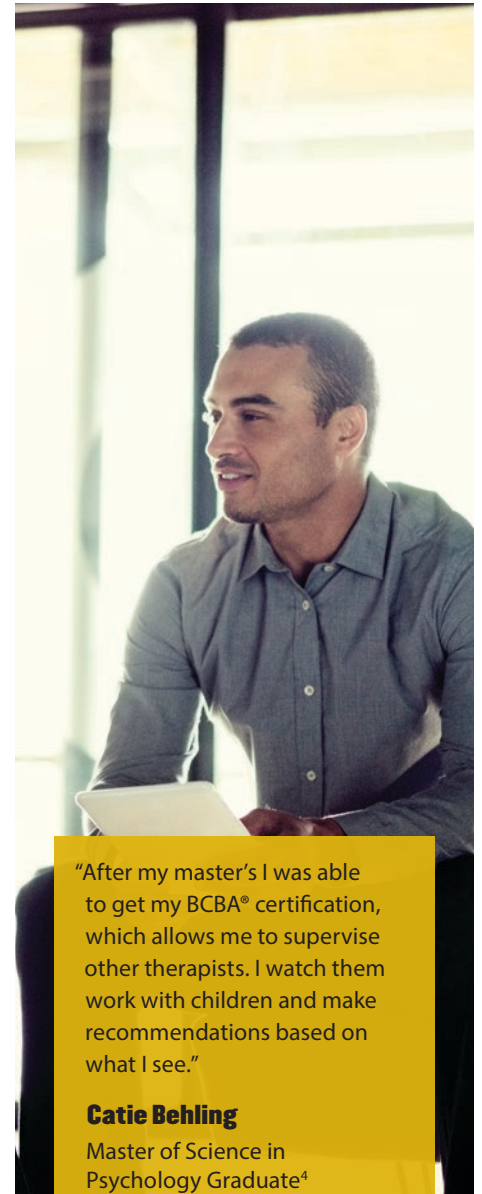
This program serves as a pathway to a doctoral degree, which is generally required if your future goals include working as a psychologist.³

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.

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



"After my master's I was able to get my BCBA® certification, which allows me to supervise other therapists. I watch them work with children and make recommendations based on what I see."³

Catie Behling

Master of Science in Psychology Graduate⁴

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.

Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA): Focus on special populations such as the developmentally disabled, the autistic, and individuals with traumatic brain injury. Learn to utilize behavioral concepts and theories, and develop assessment and intervention skills. This concentration could help you on your way to becoming a Board Certified Behavior Analyst® (BCBA®).

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	Exam Track
General Psychology	65	60
Addictions	75	70
Forensic Psychology	65	60
Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA)	65 (nonpracticum)	60 (nonpracticum)
Industrial/Organizational (I/O) Psychology	70 (practicum)	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 ABA and I/O concentrations; required for addictions)

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

Master of Science in Human Services

Postbaccalaureate/Graduate/Postgraduate Certificates:

- Applied Behavior Analysis
- Industrial/Organizational Psychology
- Addictions



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.⁵



ABAI-VERIFIED COURSE SEQUENCE

The Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI) has verified the course sequence of the applied behavior analysis concentration toward the coursework requirements for eligibility to take the Board Certified Behavior Analyst® examination. Applicants will need to meet additional requirements before they can be deemed eligible to take the examination.⁶

CAREER AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK⁷

- Employment in this field is expected to grow as fast or much faster than average from 2019 to 2029 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 OUTCOMES⁸

Roles

- Board Certified Behavior Analyst
- Addictions specialist
- Mental health technician
- Behavior assistant
- 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 Source: www.timeshighereducation.com/rankings/united-states/2018. Rankings apply to Purdue University West Lafayette and not to 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 This testimonial was obtained by Kaplan University. Purdue University acquired Kaplan University in March 2018 and created Purdue University Global, which is following the same curriculum format and instructional delivery methods as developed and used by Kaplan University. The views and opinions expressed are those of the individual; student experiences may vary.

5 The University cannot guarantee students will be eligible to sit for or pass exams. Additional requirements must also be completed to take the MAC examination, including field experience and licensure requirements. Refer to www.NAADAC.org for full eligibility requirements.

6 The University cannot guarantee students will be eligible to sit for or pass exams. Applicants will have to meet additional field experience requirements to qualify. Refer to the BACB's website (www.BACB.com) for full eligibility requirements.

7 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.

8 Purdue Global cannot guarantee employment or career advancement. Additional training or certification may be required. In addition, job titles and responsibilities may vary from organization to organization. The professional practice of psychology is regulated by each state, and the degree requirements of this program do not guarantee or prepare students for licensure in any state upon graduation. Refer to Licensure.PurdueGlobal.edu for additional information on licensure and state authorizations. 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.