



MASTER OF SCIENCE IN

APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS

MEET THE GROWING DEMAND FOR BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS PROFESSIONALS

With an online master's in applied behavior analysis, you'll help clients with autism spectrum disorder, developmental disabilities, traumatic brain injuries (TBIs), and behavior-related issues develop the skills to live independently and better engage with their environments. This program provides you with a direct path to certification¹ as a Board Certified Behavior Analyst^{®2} (BCBA[®]), so you can take charge of your career in this fast-growing field. You can become an autism specialist, behavior analyst, or supervisor in a variety of settings including education, health care, social services, and the public and private sectors.³

Why Earn Your Master's Online at Purdue Global?

ONLINE FLEXIBILITY FOR WORKING ADULTS

Take your classes 100% online, while meeting the demands of your current career. Our faculty and support staff are longtime leaders in online learning and are committed to creating an enriching online student experience.

DIRECT PATH TO BCBA® CERTIFICATION

Board Certified Behavior Analyst® exam prep and academic requirements are built into the curriculum, ensuring that you are prepared to sit for the certification exam upon graduation.

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

The program includes an optional fieldwork experience to put your learning into practice. It can be completed with your own employer if you already work in the behavior analyst field, in your community, or within our network of more than 350 partner organizations.

COMPREHENSIVE ONLINE RESOURCES

The online Social and Behavioral Sciences Graduate Resource Center and ABA student site offer information and multimedia study tools related to your degree program. As an online graduate student, you'll also have access to an extensive online library to meet your research needs. Our Academic Support Centers provide tutoring, writing assistance, and technology help at no additional cost. Academic and Career Advisors are dedicated to helping you successfully navigate the work-school-life balance.

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*.⁴

Expertly Combine Theory and Practice to Help Others

WITH A MASTER OF SCIENCE IN APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO:

- Examine how assessment and intervention procedures in applied behavior analysis are derived from behavioral theories and concepts.
- Evaluate psychological and behavioral theories and concepts in relation to various real-world situations within the field of applied behavior analysis.
- Develop appropriate evidence-based practice strategies using the theoretical and conceptual foundations of applied behavior analysis.
- Integrate relevant legal, ethical, individual, cultural, and social validity standards and guidelines established within the field of applied behavior analysis.

Curriculum

This comprehensive curriculum helps you build the academic and professional competencies necessary to become a Board Certified Behavior Analyst. The course sequence is verified⁵ by the Association for Behavior Analysis International® (ABAI®), and certification exam prep is included through board-approved learning modules and a practice exam. Courses are reviewed and revised regularly by industry experts to ensure they reflect the most recent developments in the field.

COURSES INCLUDE:

- Principles of Applied Behavior Analysis
- Ethics for Behavior Analysts
- Assessment in Applied Behavior Analysis
- Implementing Procedures for Behavioral Change
- Clinical Applications, Supervision, and Management

FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

Through an optional applied behavior analysis fieldwork experience, you'll take what you've learned in your online courses and apply it to a professional setting. Locate a site to complete your required hours and submit it for review and approval by our Clinical Placement Team. This can include your current employer if you are already working in the field. Purdue Global has also established partnerships with more than 350 organizations that are willing to work with our students as ABA site hosts or placement resources.

PROGRAM DETAIL

Credit Hours: 45

Program Length: 1 year

Course Load: 2 classes per term

Terms: 10 weeks

Start Dates: Throughout the year

Admissions Requirements: A bachelor's degree is required to enroll in a master's degree program. You will need to provide an official transcript that shows completion of your bachelor's degree from an accredited institution, though an unofficial copy may be provided during the application process. For complete requirements, refer to the University Catalog.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

- Master of Health Care Administration
- Master of Public Health
- Master of Science in Educational Psychology
- Master of Science in Health Education
- Master of Science in Human Services
- Master of Science in Nursing
- Master of Science in Psychology



ABAI-VERIFIED COURSE SEQUENCE

The Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI) has verified the course sequence of the MS in Applied Behavior Analysis program toward the coursework requirements for eligibility to take the Board Certified Behavior Analyst® examination.

Career and Networking Opportunities

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK⁶

Employment of substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health counselors in the U.S. is expected grow 22% from 2021 to 2031—much faster than average. According to the Behavior Analyst Certification Board, the demand for board-certified behavior analysts increased 38% from 2020 to 2021.

CAREER PATHWAYS AND OUTCOMES

Roles

- Autism behavior specialist
- Autism consultant
- Behavior analyst
- Supervisor of behavior analyst professionals, including certified assistant behavior analysts and registered behavior technicians

Settings

- K-12 schools
- Colleges and universities
- Outpatient clinics
- Mental health centers
- Hospitals
- Nursing and group homes
- Rehabilitation centers
- Home health care

THE 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

- Autism Speaks U
- Psi Chi International Honor Society
- Psychology Club

PURDUE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Upon graduation you'll become part of the Purdue Alumni Association, an extensive and prestigious network of professionals representing a variety of fields and interests. You'll be able to make connections and access alumni benefits, including affinity networks, events, group travel, lifelong learning opportunities, and more

Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission

Purdue Global is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). 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.

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PLEASE READ

1 Certification and Licensure: This program meets certification requirements for the BCBA[®] examination in specific states. Refer to Purdue Global's State Licensure and Certifications page for state-specific licensure information. Visit the BACB website (www.BACB.com) for additional state-specific requirements. The BACB verifies university training as meeting its eligibility requirements; it does not accredit university programs. 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.

2 BCBA[®]: Board Certified Behavior Analyst[®] (BCBA[®]) is a registered trademark of the Behavior Analyst Certification Board[®].

3 Employment and Career Advancement: Purdue Global does not guarantee employment placement or career advancement. Actual outcomes vary by geographic area, previous work experience and opportunities for employment.

4 Top Public University Rankings: www.timeshighereducation.com/student/best-universities/best-public-universities-united-states. Rankings apply to Purdue University West Lafayette and not to Purdue Global.

5 ABAI[®]: Association for Behavior Analysis International[®] and ABA International[®] are registered trademarks of the Association for Behavior Analysis International.

6 Employment and Job Demand: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, Substance Abuse, Behavioral Disorder, and Mental Health Counselors, [www.bls.gov/ooh/community-and-social-service/substance-abuse-behavioral-disorder-and-mental-health-counselors.htm](https://www.bacb.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/BurningGlass2022_220208.pdf). https://www.bacb.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/BurningGlass2022_220208.pdf. National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.