

# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PSYCHOLOGY IN APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS

## LEARN TO ADDRESS THE BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL ISSUES OF INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, AND THE COMMUNITY

Gain the skills to make a real-world difference helping others, empowering people, and driving change. Explore the design, analysis, and application of learning theories and behavioral principles to understand what motivates human behavior. Our program course sequence is verified by the Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI) as meeting the coursework requirements for eligibility to take the BCaBA® exam. Prepare for a rewarding career working with children and adults struggling with a range of mental and behavioral health challenges.

# WHY STUDY PSYCHOLOGY AT PURDUE UNIVERSITY GLOBAL?

## ONLINE FLEXIBILITY FOR WORKING ADULTS

Complete your coursework 100% online, on your schedule. You can also visit one of our regional locations to take advantage of local, onsite support and services.

## TRANSFER CREDITS

Transfer up to 75% of your degree requirements to accelerate completion of your degree and save on tuition.<sup>1</sup>

## AFFORDABLE TUITION

Lower the cost of your education through military tuition reductions, employer reimbursement options, transfer credit, and more.<sup>2</sup> Our average bachelor's graduate saves 45% on tuition with credit for prior learning.<sup>3</sup>

## FACULTY EXPERTISE

Learn from psychology practitioners with extensive experience in the field and in higher education. All professors possess advanced academic degrees and relevant industry credentials.

## ONE-ON-ONE MENTORING

Work directly with faculty through online discussion boards and faculty office hours, 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.

## INTRODUCTORY TRIAL PERIOD

Make sure online learning at Purdue Global is right for you. Enroll in the University and try our classes for 3 weeks before you owe any tuition. That's the Purdue Global Commitment.<sup>4</sup>

# ADVANCE YOUR EDUCATION AND YOUR CAREER

## TRAIN FOR BACB® CERTIFICATION<sup>5</sup>

Prepare to sit for the Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst® (BCaBA®) examination.



### ABAI Verified Course Sequence

The Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI) has verified the Purdue Global course sequence toward the coursework requirements for eligibility to take the Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst® (BCaBA®) examination. Applicants will need to meet additional requirements before they can be deemed eligible to take the examination.

## ACCELERATED MASTER'S DEGREE OPTION

You can work toward a Purdue Global master's degree in public administration, educational psychology, human services, legal studies, or psychology while you earn your bachelor's degree.<sup>6</sup> Earn up to 20 graduate credits as part of your undergraduate program to complete both degrees in less time and at a lower cost than completing the programs separately.

## PUT YOUR PASSION INTO PRACTICE

Develop skills relevant to a variety of jobs including working with autistic children and adults with special needs, and assisting certified behavior analysts who conduct research or create behavior modification programs. Prepare to:

- Address complex behaviors
- Solve social problems
- Moderate relationships between individuals, family members, and/or people in the community

# CURRICULUM

Our comprehensive curriculum covers the major concepts, values, theories, studies, research methods, and historical trends in psychology as they apply to human behavior, learning, and development. The courses are reviewed and revised regularly by industry experts to ensure they reflect the most recent developments in the field of psychology.

## PSYCHOLOGY COURSE TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Human behavior and the environment
- Social problems
- Neuroscience
- Child and adolescent psychology
- Autism spectrum disorders in young children
- Research methods
- Personality development
- Exceptional needs children
- Clinical psychology
- Screening and assessment
- Program design and evaluation
- Abnormal psychology

## Capstone Project

The program culminates in a final capstone project, which gives you the opportunity to apply the skills and concepts you study online to real-world applied behavior analysis (ABA) issues.

## PROGRAM DETAIL

**Credit Hours:** 180

**Completion Time:** 2–4 years (With transfer credit and other prior experience, the average completion time for Purdue Global bachelor's degree graduates in 2019–2020 was 2 years.)<sup>7</sup>

**Course Load:** 2–3 per term

**Terms:** 10 weeks long

**Start Dates:** Throughout the year

## 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*.<sup>8</sup>

## ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

- Master of Science in Psychology
- Bachelor of Science in Human Services in Youth/Family Services and Administration
- Bachelor of Science in Psychology in Addictions
- Bachelor of Science in Psychology in Industrial/Organizational Psychology
- Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) Postbaccalaureate Certificate
- Graduate Certificate in Industrial/Organizational Psychology



# CAREER AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

## INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

- Employment in this field is expected to grow much faster than average from 2019 to 2029.<sup>9</sup>
- Job prospects are expected to be very good for behavioral disorder counselors, particularly for those with a bachelor's or master's degree.<sup>9</sup>
- The demand for assistant behavior analysts is also increasing. Between 2017 and 2018, the annual demand for individuals with a BCaBA® certification increased by 184%, and every state has seen increased demand since 2010.<sup>10</sup>

## CAREER PATHWAYS AND OUTCOMES<sup>11</sup>

### Roles

- Applied behavior specialist
- Assistant behavior analyst
- Registered behavior technician

### Settings

- Early intervention programs
- Schools
- Vocational rehabilitation programs
- Behavioral or mental health centers
- Criminal justice organizations
- Behavior therapy organizations
- In-home 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

- Psi Chi, The International Honor Society in Psychology
- Autism Speaks U
- Psychology Club

## 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.

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

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PLEASE READ

For comprehensive consumer information, visit [Info.PurdueGlobal.edu](http://Info.PurdueGlobal.edu).

- 1 Purdue Global does not guarantee transferability of credit. Future transfer credit savings are subject to review and the academic policies of Purdue Global. See the University Catalog for Prior Learning Assessment policy.
- 2 May not be combined with other Purdue Global tuition reductions or ExcelTrack™ pricing.
- 3 Purdue Global online bachelor's degree students who graduated in 2019–2020 and applied eligible prior learning (transfer, experiential, or credit by exam) credits saved an average of \$30,000 toward the total degree. Campus tuition and prior learning savings vary by location. Savings based on overall cost of completion without prior learning credit. Calculation based on total prior learning credit times standard cost per credit in student's program of study. Individual savings will vary. Calculation includes campus and military students. Purdue Global does not guarantee transferability of credit. See University Catalog for the Prior Learning Assessment policy. Source: Office of Reporting and Analysis, October 2020. 2019–2020 academic year.
- 4 Classes count toward a degree if satisfactorily completed. No credits are earned if the student withdraws during the introductory period (3 weeks for new qualifying undergraduate students), which begins day one of the first term. Students who choose to continue their studies at Purdue Global will need to meet specific requirements. Graduate programs not included. Additional terms may apply to international and non-U.S. citizen students. For further information, see the University Catalog.
- 5 Refer to Licensure.PurdueGlobal.edu for additional information on licensure and state authorizations. The University cannot guarantee students will be eligible to sit for or pass exams. Applicants will need to meet additional requirements before they can be deemed eligible to take the examination. Refer to the BACB's website ([www.BACB.com](http://www.BACB.com)) for full eligibility requirements.
- 6 The University cannot guarantee that students will be granted admission to any future programs. Speak to an Advisor about transfer credit opportunities and see the University Catalog for the Prior Learning Assessment policy.
- 7 The average completion time for Purdue Global online bachelor's degree students who graduated in the 2019–2020 academic year was 2.1 years. Source: Purdue Global Office of Reporting and Analysis, July 2020.
- 8 Source: [www.timeshighereducation.com/student/best-universities/best-public-universities-united-states](http://www.timeshighereducation.com/student/best-universities/best-public-universities-united-states). Rankings apply to Purdue University West Lafayette and not to Purdue Global.
- 9 Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, Substance Abuse, Behavioral Disorder, and Mental Health Counselors. National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.
- 10 Source: Burning Glass Technologies on behalf of the Behavior Analyst Certification Board, *US Behavior Analyst Workforce: Understanding the National Demand for Behavior Analysts*.
- 11 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.