Psychology

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Make Your Comeback With a Valuable Psychology or Applied Behavior Analysis Certificate

Now’s your time to earn the psychology or applied behavior analysis certificate your career deserves. Whether you’re looking to advance in a specialized area or prepare for future studies, Purdue Global offers psychology certificate programs that move your education and career forward.* They include:

- Applied Behavior Analysis Postbaccalaureate Certificate
- Graduate Certificate in Addictions
- Graduate Certificate in Industrial/Organizational Psychology
- Postgraduate Certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis

* See website for details.
Why Study Psychology or Applied Behavior Analysis at Purdue Global?

Built for Working Adults
Complete courses online, without compromising your work or family schedule.

Backed by the Power of Purdue
Earn a certificate you can be proud of — and one that employers will respect. Achieve more in the psychology or applied behavior analysis field with a name that opens doors in your career.

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.

Career Focused Curriculum
Come back with the experience you need. Study how to develop effective treatments and use critical-thinking skills to evaluate and diagnose the behavior and mental processes of patients, or help analyze, understand, and address workplace issues.

Expert Faculty With Real-World Experience
Learn from psychology, applied behavior analysis, and education experts who are practicing professionals in the field. All graduate and postgraduate faculty possess doctorate degrees and relevant industry credentials.

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.

Curriculum
Courses are reviewed and revised continually to reflect the latest developments in the field of psychology. Certificates include:

Applied Behavior Analysis Postbaccalaureate Certificate (41 credits)
Study what motivates human behavior.

The Association for Behavior Analysis International has verified the following courses toward the coursework requirements for eligibility to take the Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst® (BCaBA®) examination (via Pathway 2). Applicants will need to meet additional Behavior Analyst Certification Board® (BACB®) eligibility requirements, including evidence of residency in an authorized country, before they can be deemed eligible to take the examination.

- PS225 Ethics in Applied Behavior Analysis
- PS340 Exceptional Needs Children
- PS360 Applied Behavior Analysis I
- PS365 Applied Behavior Analysis II
- PS385 Targeted Topics in Applied Behavior Analysis
- PS410 Screening and Assessment
- PS430 Program Design and Evaluation

Postgraduate Certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis (35 credits)
Expand your knowledge of behavioral disabilities.

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- PS507 Ethics for Behavior Analysts
- PS558 Behaviorism and Philosophical Foundations of Applied Behavior Analysis
- PS560 Principles of Applied Behavior Analysis
- PS561 Concepts of Measurement and Experimental Designs
- PS562 Assessment in Applied Behavior Analysis
- PS563 Implementing Procedures for Behavior Change
- PS564 Clinical Applications, Supervision, and Management

Please refer to the BACB’s website for full eligibility requirements (www.bacb.com).

Prerequisite: Graduate degree (e.g., master’s or doctoral)

Refer to Catalog.PurdueGlobal.edu for complete prerequisite information.
**Graduate Certificate in Addictions** (40 credits)

Help others overcome addiction.
Courses emphasize application and focus on chemical and psychological dependency counseling, advanced addictions counseling, group counseling, psychopharmacology, and co-occurring disorders. This program is accredited by the National Addiction Studies Accreditation Commission (NASAC, NASACAccreditation.org). Purdue Global is a NAADAC Approved Education Provider.

**Prerequisite:** bachelor's degree

**Program Detail**

- **Program Length:** 8–12 months of full-time study, depending on certificate
- **Course Load:** 2 courses per term
- **Terms:** 10 weeks long
- **Start Dates:** Throughout the year

**Career and Networking Opportunities**

**Industry Outlook**

**Help Others in Need**

- Employment in the field of psychology is expected to grow faster than average from 2022 to 2032.**
- Employment of substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health counselors is expected to increase much faster than average during the same period, as people continue to seek addiction and mental health counseling.††

**Career Pathways and Outcomes**

**Applied Behavior Analysis Postbaccalaureate Certificate**

- Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst® (BCaBA®)**
  - Work to reduce problem behavior
  - Improve patient performance in settings such as group homes, clinics, corporations, and nonprofits
  - Develop intervention and treatment plans
  - Work as a consultant

**Graduate Certificate in Addictions**

- Addictions Counselor‡‡
  - Help people who have problems with alcohol, drugs, gambling, or eating disorders
  - Counsel patients to identify the problems and behaviors associated with their addiction
  - Work with family members affected by the addictions of their loved ones

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**Graduate Certificate in Industrial/Organizational Psychology** (30 credits)

Help organizations improve the quality of work life.
Study organizational management and behavior, and develop an understanding of workplace motivation and attitudes. Coursework incorporates the latest learnings in human resources management and organizational leadership, including management, training and evaluation, employee development, and job motivation techniques. The program also offers a practicum course, which allows students to gain hands-on experience.

**Prerequisite:** bachelor's degree

**Additional Programs**

- Master of Science in Psychology
- Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis
- Master of Science in Educational Psychology
- Bachelor of Science in Psychology in Addictions
- Bachelor of Science in Psychology in Applied Behavior Analysis
- Bachelor of Science in Psychology in Industrial/Organizational Psychology

**Apply Psychological Principles to the Business World**

- Given the growing focus on maintaining employee satisfaction and engagement to improve outcomes and productivity, HR specialists who understand the principles of I/O psychology will be needed.
- Employment of human resources specialists is projected to grow faster than average between 2022 and 2023.‡‡

**Industrial/Organizational Psychology Roles**

- Apply psychological principles to the workplace to solve problems or improve quality of work life
- Apply research and knowledge to improve the well-being and performance of people and their employers
- Analyze and provide recommendations on workplace productivity, management or employee working styles, and morale
- Work with management on policy planning, employee screening or training, organizational development, or recruitment
- Promote productive worker attitudes and behaviors
- Apply job motivation initiatives and help companies and their workforce through organizational change

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**Notes:**

**To become certified, you will have to meet additional requirements and must pass the comprehensive exam.**

**Additional certification or licensing may be required.**
The Career 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

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.

An Education That’s Proven and Respected

Purdue Global is backed by Purdue University. One of the most prestigious universities in the world, Purdue ranked #16 overall and #1 in education among Fast Company magazine’s prestigious World’s Most Innovative Companies.

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PLEASE READ

* 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.

† Future Degrees: The University cannot guarantee that students will be granted admission to any future programs.

‡ 100% Online: Some Purdue Global programs are not 100% online; some programs require you to gain hands-on experience in a real-world work environment. Contact an Admissions Advisor for additional information.

§ Three-Week Trial: 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.

# Licensure Exams: The certificate programs meet certification requirements for the BACB examinations in specific states. Refer to Licensure.PurdueGlobal.edu for state-specific information. The University cannot guarantee students will be eligible to sit for or pass exams.

The professional practice of psychology is regulated by each state, and the degree requirements of Purdue Global’s programs do not guarantee or prepare you for licensure in any state upon graduation.


§§ BACB The Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI) has verified the course sequence of this program toward the coursework requirements for eligibility to take the Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst® examination. Refer to Purdue Global’s State Licensure and Certifications page for state-specific requirements. 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) for full eligibility requirements.

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*** Source: https://www.fastcompany.com/most-innovative-companies/list. Ranking applies to Purdue University West Lafayette and not to Purdue Global.