

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY, CERTIFICATE

Requirements for an undergraduate certificate may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the certificate.

Career Paths

The certificate in Behavioral Health and Counseling Psychology can be pursued by Penn State Behrend undergraduate students and as a stand-alone credential for nondegree students. It is attractive to students interested in pursuing graduate education in clinically related areas and to adults taking courses part-time for career advancement. This certificate provides core competencies for students interested in pursuing a position in behavioral health and clinical or counseling psychology. Abnormal psychology coursework offers an overview of the types and causes of psychological disorders, while clinical psychology classes focus on the assessment and treatment of psychological disorders.

Careers

Behavioral and counseling psychologists frequently specialize in the types of clients they treat. Children, adolescents, couples, family, and group therapy are common specializations. Or, they may concentrate their practice in crisis intervention, disaster, or trauma management. Some practitioners are institution-based, working in hospitals, clinics, schools, universities, or prisons.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT POTENTIAL CAREER OPTIONS FOR GRADUATES WITH A CERTIFICATE IN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY (<https://behrend.psu.edu/school-of-humanities-social-sciences/academic-programs/certificate-programs/behavioral-health-and-counseling-psychology-certificate>)

Opportunities for Graduate Studies

Clinical practice of behavioral health and counseling psychology requires education beyond a bachelor's degree. Penn State Behrend offers a Master of Arts degree program in Applied Clinical Psychology that includes optional preparation for the Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) credential. Penn State Behrend also offers a graduate certificate in Trauma-Informed Psychotherapy that pairs with the M.A. in Applied Clinical Psychology.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATE STUDIES (<https://behrend.psu.edu/graduate-programs/master-of-clinical-psychology>)

Professional Resources

- American Psychological Association (<https://www.apa.org>)
- American Counseling Association (<https://www.counseling.org/>)