

PSYCHOLOGY, B.A. (BEHREND)

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: Erie

Career Paths

The B.A. in Psychology is structured within a liberal arts framework that requires study of a world language and offers coursework options. If you are interested in criminology and law, you can select courses in political sciences and sociology. Students interested in working with children and adolescents take courses in human development, family studies, counseling, trauma studies, and education. All psychology students design and conduct a capstone research project and may participate in outreach and mentoring through Penn State Behrend's Susan Hirt Hagen Center for Community Outreach, Research, and Evaluation, its Prevention of Aggression Resource Center, and its Early Learning Center.

Careers

Penn State Behrend's B.A. in Psychology degree provides you with a strong skill set that is particularly valued in the mental health and social services fields, education, social work, medicine, business, law, and basic and applied research. Recent graduates are working as elementary and special education teachers, school counselors, clinical psychologists, lawyers, research associates, developmental psychologists, industrial organizational psychologists, human resource managers, data analysts, counselors, caseworkers, and therapeutic support staff.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT POTENTIAL CAREER OPTIONS FOR GRADUATES OF THE PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM (<https://behrend.psu.edu/school-of-humanities-social-sciences/academic-programs/psychology>)

Opportunities for Graduate Studies

Psychology graduates have earned master's and doctoral degrees in fields such as psychology, business, human factors, law, education, medicine, physical therapy, and occupational therapy. Some of the schools they have attended include Penn State, Washington University, Columbia University, Johns Hopkins University, University of California, Los Angeles, University of Pittsburgh, and Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine. Additionally, Penn State Behrend offers a Master of Arts degree in Applied Clinical Psychology that includes optional preparation for the Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) credential.

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>)
- Society for Personality and Social Psychology (<https://spsp.org>)
- National Association of School Psychologists (<https://www.nasponline.org/>)