

PSYCHOLOGY, B.S. (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.S. in Psychology takes a quantitative approach and offers three options for specialization: General Science for students interested in health-related careers or neuroscience, Psychology in the Workplace for human resources, administration, management, sales, and marketing careers, and Human Factors and Design, which applies psychological concepts to the design and safety of products and services. 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.S. 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 research associates, industrial organizational psychologists, human resource managers, data analysts, counselors, caseworkers, therapeutic support staff, developmental psychologists, elementary and special education teachers, school counselors, and clinical psychologists.

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>)
- Association for Psychological Science (<https://www.psychologicalscience.org/>)
- Psi Chi National Honor Society (<https://www.psichi.org>)