Potential Careers

NMU’s Psychology-Behavior Analysis Program prepares students for employment in the following careers:

Occupations

- Administrative Assistant
- Behavior Analyst
- Clinical Psychologist
- Community Organization Advocate
- Counseling Psychologist
- Developmental Psychologist
- Guidance Counselor
- Human Resources
- Industrial-Organizational Psychologist
- Mental Health Worker
- Rehabilitation Psychologist
- Researcher
- School Psychologist
- Social Psychologist
- Social Worker
- Sport Psychologist
- Vocational Rehabilitation Officer

Additional Resources and Info

For Career Planning and Opportunities:
Academic & Career Advisement Center
3302.1 C.B. Hedgcock
906-227-2971
www.nmu.edu/acac

Psychology Department
346 Gries
906-227-2935
www.nmu.edu/psychology

For Job Search, Resume and Career Information:
Career Services
3302.3 C.B. Hedgcock
906-227-2800
www.nmu.edu/careers

For Information about NMU Student Organizations Associated with this Major Contact:
Center for Student Enrichment
1206 University Center
906-227-2439
www.nmu.edu/cse

Student Psychological Association

Internet Resource Links:
www.careers.org
www.careerresource.net

For Career Information with National Organizations:

- www.apa.org American Psychological Association
- www.nasponline.org National Association of School Psychologists

What To Do With A Major In...

Psychology Behavior Analysis

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**Psychology Behavior Analysis**

Are you considering Psychology graduate school but would like to focus more on Behavior Analysis? Would you like to get more involved with psychological human services? Would you like to work with troubled individuals in group homes, run-away shelters or rehabilitation centers? If any of these things sound interesting to you, a Psychology Behavior Analysis major might just be what you are looking for.

NMU’s Psychology Behavior Analysis major is for students who wish either to enter graduate school in Behavioral Psychology or to improve the probability of gaining employment in areas related to psychologically oriented human services: e.g., as a classroom consultant or a program director in a group home for delinquent adolescents, halfway home for persons with mental illnesses or home for persons who are developmentally disabled.

This option particularly stresses Applied Behavior Analysis and Behavioral Assessment. This major requires two semesters of community placement, which requires instructor and departmental permission and is heavily supervised.

**Skills and Competencies**

As in most other fields, strong interpersonal communication and organizational skills are a must for any professional. Some other valuable skills and competencies specific to a profession in the behavior analysis include time management, persuasiveness, critical thinking and analytical capability.

**Course Work**

This degree includes the following courses as part of the program requirements, and specific major requirements along with liberal studies and graduation requirements.

**Core**
- PY 100 Psychology as a Social/Natural Science (4 cr.)
- PY 203 Applied Behavior Analysis (4 cr.)
- PY 204 Physiological Psychology (4 cr.) or PY 211 Learning (4 cr.)
- PY 241 Child Psychology (4 cr.)
- PY 302 Causes and Control of Aggression (4 cr.) or PY 360 The Ethics & Practice of Clinical Psychology (4 cr.) or PY 436 The Psychology of Organizational Behavior (4 cr.) or PY 455 Psychopathology (4 cr.)
- PY 305 Psychological Statistics (4 cr.) or MA 171 Intro to Probability and Statistics (4 cr.)*
- PY 320 Psychological Measurement (4 cr.)
- PY 355 Abnormal Psychology (4 cr.)
- PY 403 Behavior Assessment and Evaluation (4 cr.)
- PY 492A Practicum (1-4 cr.)
- PY 492B Advanced Practicum (1-4 cr.)

**Other Required Courses**
- CIS 110 Principles of Computer Information Systems (4 cr.) or CS 120 Computer Science (4 cr.)
- Human Services Group Minor (24 cr.)

*Can be taken to fulfill requirement, but will not count towards PY credit hours.

Detailed course descriptions can be found at www.nmu.edu/bulletin.

**Career Development**

You should begin the resume-building process as soon as you can. The Academic and Career Advisement Center can assist you with career planning, while Career Services will help you fine tune your resume and look for jobs related to your field. In the meantime, the more hands-on experience you have, the better the chances are that you will find a job. Becoming involved in a professional related internship is a way to develop your professional skills and gain experience. Your academic course work is important as well, so be sure to maintain a high grade point average.

**Additional Considerations**

The list of jobs cover a broad range of areas and therefore competencies and skills acquired through academic courses, internships, extracurricular and work experience are extremely important. Strong communications skills, patience, understanding, and organization are beneficial qualities to these occupations. These positions require at least a psychology master’s degree. Clinical and counseling psychologists need a doctoral degree.

**Job Outlook**

Starting salaries are contingent upon geographic location and the individual applicant’s work experience and initiative, and usually range from $30,000 to $60,000. The psychology job market is expected to grow at a 15% rate.