

# Undergraduate Psychology

---

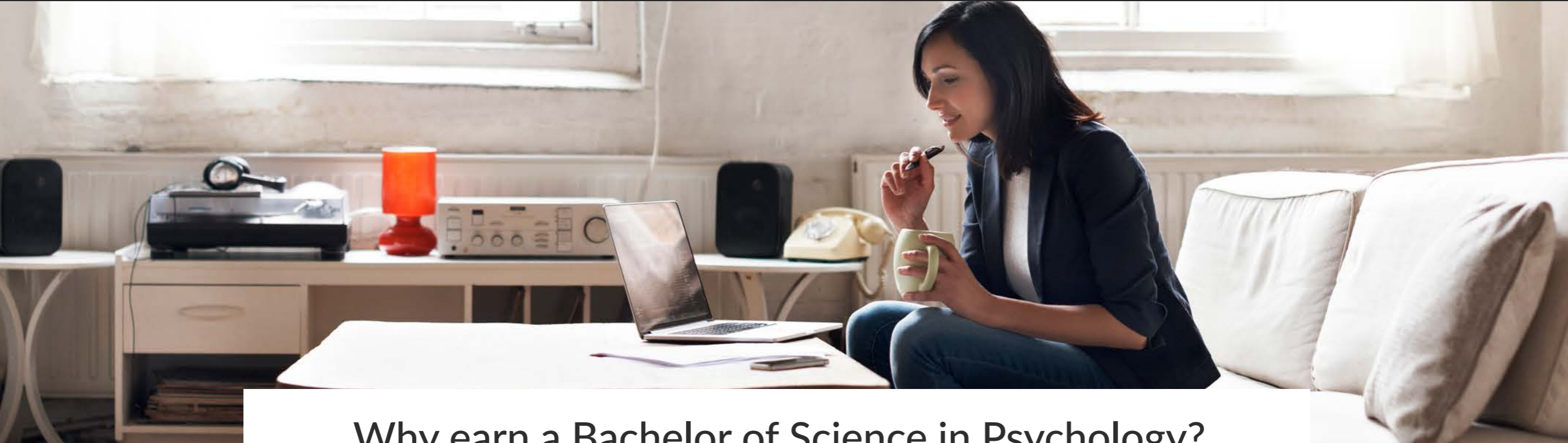
A guide to paths and programs



## One degree. Many possible paths.

---

Does human behavior fascinate you? Are you curious about why people do what they do—the conscious and subconscious motivations that drive individuals to act or think in certain ways? If so, a degree in psychology may be a good fit for you.



## Why earn a Bachelor of Science in Psychology?

---

**An understanding of psychology is useful in wide range of professions.** Success in many careers—from business to teaching to counseling—depends on your ability to read and understand human behavior. An undergraduate degree in psychology teaches the skills and knowledge in research, critical thinking, and problem-solving to help navigate a variety of career paths.

**A psychology degree can set the stage for graduate work in counseling.** Are you interested in working as a licensed psychologist or counselor? Capella's online BS in Psychology Pre-Counseling program includes three graduate-level courses that can be applied toward a master's in counseling program at Capella, helping to lower the cost and overall time spent on earning a master's degree.



## What job titles are related to a psychology degree?

---

In addition to being great preparation for graduate work in counseling, a BS in Psychology can set you up to pursue work in a variety of settings, including education, public service, law enforcement and corrections, business, human development, rehabilitation, and mental health.

### Related Job Titles to Explore\*

- Academic advisor
- Assistant certified board behavior analyst
- Behavior analyst
- BCaBA behavior interventionist
- Case manager
- Human resources generalist or manager
- Mental health technician
- Mental health specialist
- Recruiter
- Registered behavior technician
- Research assistant
- Residential counselor
- Psychiatric technician
- Training manager

### Employment Settings to Explore

- Individual and family services
- Offices of other health practitioners
- Insurance carriers
- Nursing care facilities (skilled nursing facilities)
- Hospital
- K-12 public or private school

\*Capella cannot guarantee that a graduate will secure any specific job title, a promotion, salary increase, or other career outcome. We encourage you to research requirements for your job target and career goals.



## Undergraduate Degree Offerings in Psychology

---

Capella offers three bachelor's degree options in psychology:

**[BS in Psychology, Applied Behavior Analysis](#)**

**[BS in Psychology, General Psychology](#)**

**[BS in Psychology, Pre-Counseling](#)**

Read on to find the option that is right for you.



## BS in General Psychology

The Capella online Bachelor of Science in General Psychology program is designed around American Psychological Association guidelines to ensure you're learning the latest theories and practices for a deeper understanding of human learning, emotions, and behaviors. The program provides instruction across the broad science of psychology and an introduction to counseling theories, professions, and practices.

---

**You can also choose to focus your learning in a specific area of interest. Options include:**

### Addiction

You'll apply knowledge of theories, treatments, and current research needed to respond to the psychological and behavioral aspects of a variety of addictions.

### Forensic Psychology

You'll focus on criminal behavior and the role that forensic psychology plays in legal proceedings and treatment.

### Behavioral Health

You'll gain the knowledge and skills to help you serve in the field of behavioral health, such as roles in case management or victim advocacy.

## Get Master's Degree Credits While Earning Your Bachelor's

With our combined degree options, you can take master's level courses and have the credits applied to both your bachelor's and master's degree requirements.

[Learn more](#) about how our BS Psychology combined options for a master's degree in psychology, clinical psychology, education, or higher education.



## Online learning. Two ways.

In the BS in General Psychology program, you have two online learning formats to choose from. FlexPath lets you set deadlines and move at your own pace. GuidedPath offers extra structure for those who need it. Both learning formats are designed to fit into your schedule, so you can live, and learn.

[See our admissions requirements.](#)

### GUIDEDPATH™

### FLEXPATH™

<b>Course structure</b>	<b>Interactive</b> Weekly online discussions with faculty and classmates, plus end-of-week assignment deadlines.	<b>Work independently</b> Complete courses at your own pace, with no preset deadlines or wait time to move to the next course.
<b>Support</b>	<b>Regular check-ins</b> Capella faculty provide feedback at regular intervals throughout the course, allowing you to improve your work.	<b>1:1 engagement</b> Get learning support from tutors, detailed feedback from faculty, and personalized planning from coaches.
<b>Assignments + deadlines</b>	<b>Predictable path from start to finish</b> Courses will have consistent deadlines, so you can form homework habits around your schedule.	<b>Set your own deadlines</b> With no set due dates, you're in control, you get to decide when you'll complete each assignment.
<b>Course materials</b>	<b>Guided learning</b> You'll have required reading material to help with discussions and assignments.	<b>Recommended resources</b> You'll have access to a wide range of instructional materials, including eBooks, textbooks, interactive media, software, articles and more.
<b>Maximum course load</b>	<b>Up to three courses per quarter</b> With the freedom to change course load every quarter.	<b>No limit</b> You can take two courses simultaneously and complete as many courses as you like per billing session.
<b>Grading</b>	<b>Traditional grading system</b> Receive grades from faculty based on assignment or project quality.	<b>Demonstrate competency</b> Complete authentic assessments to demonstrate mastery of competencies.
<b>Tuition model</b>	<b>Pay-per-credit/course</b> The familiar way to pay for tuition, with credit price varying by course load or term.	<b>Pace determines price</b> Complete all the courses you can, up to two simultaneously, and pay one flat fee every 12 weeks*.

\*Books, supplies, and other fees apply.



## BS in Psychology, Applied Behavior Analysis

Help individuals make positive behavior change, with a bachelor's in applied behavior analysis from Capella University. You'll engage in the academic work, skills application, and instruction hours required by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board, Inc. to qualify for the Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst (BCaBA) credential. Built-in BDS exam preparation software helps you prepare for the BCaBA exam. Applicants will have additional requirements to qualify.

### Applied Behavior Analysis Program Outcomes

1. Apply behavioral principles and concepts to design, sustain, and evaluate behavioral interventions.
2. Evaluate findings of applied behavior analysis research.
3. Investigate research-based findings in the development of behavioral treatment plans.
4. Apply professional, ethical, and multicultural competence standards in behavior intervention and consultation.
5. Communicate effectively in a manner that meets the expectations for psychology professionals.
6. Apply psychological content and skills to academic and career goals.



Capella University applied behavior analysis programs are designed to meet the academic requirements for eligibility to pursue the Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst (BCaBA)<sup>®</sup> examination.





## BS in Psychology Pre-Counseling\*

This degree helps you build a strong foundation of knowledge and skills in psychology while setting the stage for graduate study in counseling. Capella's online Bachelor of Science in Psychology program is designed to ensure you're learning the latest theories and practices for a deeper understanding of human learning, emotions, and behaviors. The program provides instruction across the broad science of psychology and an introduction to counseling theories, professions, and practices.

---

**You can also choose to focus your learning in a specific area of interest. Options include:**

### **Marriage and Family Counseling/Therapy**

You'll develop foundational counseling knowledge with a focus on marriage and family counseling/therapy as you prepare to pursue an MS in Marriage and Family Counseling/Therapy degree, other counseling- or psychology-related degrees, or entry-level careers in the field of psychology.

### **Clinical Mental Health Counseling**

With a focus on clinical mental health counseling, your work in this concentration can help prepare you to pursue an MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, related degrees, or entry-level careers in the field of psychology.

### **School Counseling**

You'll build foundational counseling knowledge about serving diverse student populations in the K-12 environment. The work will prepare you to pursue an MS in School Counseling, related degrees, or an entry-level careers in the field of psychology.

\*FlexPath is not available for the BS in Psychology Pre-Counseling program

This pre-counseling bachelor's degree program includes three graduate-level courses that can be applied toward an accredited master's in counseling program at Capella—potentially saving you up to \$5,844 on a future master's degree.



# Ways to save

---

## **Apply for scholarships**

Capella scholarships for new students aren't based on financial need and never have to be repaid. They're available to anyone who enrolls in a qualified program and meets specific requirements. Eligibility rules apply, [contact us](#) for details.

## **Transfer credits**

Shorten the time and cut the cost of getting your degree when you transfer credits from regionally-accredited or internationally-recognized institutions. Subject to approval by Capella, you can transfer up to 135 credits into your bachelor's in psychology program for coursework completed at an institution accredited by a U.S. Department of Education-recognized accrediting agency.

## **Get credit for prior learning**

Have you gained knowledge and professional certifications outside of school? If you can demonstrate that you have already mastered a subject, you may be able to gain credit for that learning through Capella's Prior Learning Assessment process. The result? You'll complete your program more quickly.

## **Take advantage of employer tuition reimbursement**

Many employers offer tuition reimbursement to employees, even if there's no formal program. Check with your manager or HR department and see what kinds of options are available.



# Ways to save

---

## **Find employer and association discounts**

Capella has over 600 partnerships with highly recognized organizations from around the U.S.

## **Earn 10%-15% military discounts**

Capella provides a 10–15% military tuition discount to qualifying veterans, service members, and their spouses. The military support team will help you understand your benefits and make the most of what you're eligible for.

## **Enroll in Sophia pathways for college credit**

Low-cost general-education credits through Sophia Learning, our learning partner, can be applied to a Capella bachelor's degree.

## **FlexPath learning format**

Save more the faster you move. You can complete as many courses as you want every 12 weeks—up to two at a time. With FlexPath, you can finish the bachelor's degree you started in 12 months for \$10,000.

\*\*Generally, the fastest 10% of students finish in a year. Your program length and cost will vary by your degree program, transfer credits, the per-session cost, and how quickly you complete courses. Books, supplies, and other fees may apply.



# Why choose Capella?

---

## Two Learning Formats

Capella University has reshaped online education with two online learning formats that offer structure for those who need it, or more flexibility for those who don't. Learn with Capella's original GuidedPath online format, or at your own speed with the self-paced FlexPath\* format.

## Scholar-Practitioner Faculty

Capella's faculty are active professionals in their field, with top academic credentials and real-world experience. That means you get insight into the latest theories and practices in psychology.

## Flexible Online Learning

With a device and Internet connection, you can work on your degree anytime and anywhere.

## Pathways to Graduate Work

Continue your learning with a master's or doctoral degree. Capella offers a wide range of master's and doctoral degree programs in psychology. Earning a BS in Psychology from Capella may be just the beginning for you.

\*Not available for pre-counseling program



## Support when you need it

---

Capella offers multiple support services, including on-demand assistance to give you well-timed help, psychology success labs, psychology club, access to the Career Center and Library, disability benefits, military support, and more.

**Enrollment counselors:** Enrollment counselors help you find your program fit, navigate the admissions process, and get started.

**The Writing Center:** Capella's online writing center is critical resource for students who wish to improve their writing or need assistance with citations and basic research.

**Academic tutoring:** The tutoring team provides extra assistance when you need help with a specific concept or course. They respond quickly when you ask for help.

**Community:** You'll have access to online communities to connect and network with your fellow students, a diverse group of people from many places and different professions.

**Licensure support:** Our licensure team supports you through the license application process, and is here for you even beyond graduation.

**Faculty:** Instructors have top credentials and get extensive training in Capella's unique approach to competency-based learning. Plus, they've got real-world experience.

**Coaches/advisors:** This team is all about helping you stay on track and achieve your goals throughout your program. They help you navigate the program structure and manage challenges along the way.

**Capella Library:** The online Capella library has a comprehensive collection of databases, journals, books, and company records; librarians are available for assistance via email, chat, or phone.

**Capella Career Center:** Capella's career center provides services and resources to students and alumni alike, to help you with thoughtful and strategic career planning—for life.



# Resources

[Explore our bachelor's psychology programs](#)

[Online learning at Capella](#)

[Scholarships for new students](#)

[Take a free trial course](#)

[Learn more about Capella](#)



**CONTACT US:**

**1.866.933.5819**

[capella.edu](http://capella.edu)

Accreditation: Capella University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.  
Capella University: Capella Tower, 225 South Sixth Street, Ninth Floor, Minneapolis,  
MN 55402, 1.888.CAPELLA (227.3552), [www.capella.edu](http://www.capella.edu).  
© 2019 Capella University | 19-9952