



Master of Science in Psychology

College of Social and
Behavioral Sciences

Help Others While You Help Yourself.

Kaplan University's Master of Science in Psychology program is designed to provide a comprehensive education in psychological theory and practice, and to help you develop the critical thinking and problem-solving skills to pursue your personal and professional goals.¹ You could further enhance your knowledge of psychology by studying advanced topics in one of four areas of concentrations: general psychology, addictions, applied behavior analysis, or industrial/organizational psychology.

Our master's degree program could also help you meet the educational requirements for state certification in the areas of addiction and substance abuse; however, it should be noted that educational and licensing requirements vary by state.^{2,3} In addition, the course sequence of the applied behavior analysis concentration has been verified by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board®, Inc., (BACB®) as meeting the coursework requirements for eligibility to take the Board Certified Behavior Analyst® Examination.⁴ Students who complete the addictions concentration will meet the coursework requirements for eligibility to take the National Board of Certified Counselors' Master Addictions Counselor (MAC) certification examination.⁵

Empower People and Drive Change.

The Master of Science in Psychology program is part of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, which offers a wide breadth of graduate and undergraduate academic programs designed to develop professionals and leaders in fields that make a difference in response to human and societal causes, issues, and needs.

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Now Could Be the Right Time to Join the Psychology Field.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment in the field is expected to grow due to increased demand for psychological services in schools, hospitals, social service agencies, and mental health centers.⁶

Careers in psychology are expected to increase faster than average between 2016 and 2026.⁶ And, overall employment of substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health counselors is expected to increase much faster than average during the same period.⁷

The psychology field is projected to grow. Earn a master's degree and prepare to make the most of these industry trends.

Learn Exactly What You Need to Know.

Taking the right courses in the right degree program could contribute to your job marketability and career success. At Kaplan University's College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, you'll find the kind of commitment and support you can count on.

- › Work one-on-one with an Education Advisor to build a personalized degree plan that best suits your ultimate career goal.
- › Connect with an enthusiastic community of students from every corner of the country, and learn from faculty members who actively participate in their fields.
- › Participate in interactive webinars, informative speaker series, and student clubs where you'll interact with industry leaders and network with individuals who share your passion for driving change.

A Master's Degree in Psychology Could Help You Pursue Your Goals.

The Master of Science in Psychology program is designed to prepare you to pursue career opportunities in various fields where you could implement your psychological knowledge, skills, and values. The program provides students a unique opportunity to balance the rich tradition of the past with contemporary applications of psychology.

Career outcomes for graduates of this program could include, but are not limited to, addiction specialist, mental health professional, social services professional, educator, psychological aide, childcare worker, industrial/organizational psychologist, or human resources professional.

Prepare to increase your marketability by pursuing your Master of Science in Psychology today.

Possible Career Opportunities and Day-to-Day Activities:¹

› **General Psychology Research**—Apply psychological principles and research methods in various settings; investigate emotional, physical, cognitive, and social aspects of human behavior.

› **Addictions Counseling**—Help people who have problems with alcohol, drugs, gambling, and eating disorders. Counsel individuals with addictions; help them identify their problems and behaviors associated with their addiction. Work with family members who are affected by addictions of their loved ones.

› **Applied Behavior Analysis**—Work to reduce problem behavior and improve performance in settings such as group homes, clinics, corporations, and nonprofits. Develop intervention and treatment plans. Work as a consultant.

› **Industrial/Organizational Psychology**—Help organizations improve by implementing strategies and processes that improve or maintain workplace motivation and attitudes, employee training, evaluation and leadership, organizational behavior, and human resources management.

Note: additional certification or licensing may be required for certain positions.

Real-World Knowledge to Pursue Real-World Success.

Students enrolled in Kaplan University's **Master of Science in Psychology** program have the opportunity to develop and use psychological skills, think critically, and evaluate behavior and mental processes. The program's curriculum emphasizes key skills, including research, lifespan development, and testing and assessment.

Four Areas of Concentration

General Psychology

The general psychology concentration is designed to expose students to a generalist approach to the field of psychology. It addresses current broad paradigms such as behavioral approaches, neuropsychological perspectives and technologies, issues in psychopathology, and current and historical information in the area of cognitive psychology.

Addictions

The addictions concentration provides students the opportunity to study the principles of addictions counseling, group counseling, psychopharmacology, and co-occurring disorders. Theories are taught with an emphasis on application, and coursework helps students understand how to use their knowledge to assist clients on their path to recovery. Students who complete this concentration will meet the coursework requirements for eligibility to take the MAC certification examination.⁵

Applied Behavior Analysis

This concentration provides students an opportunity to develop knowledge about special populations such as the developmentally disabled, those with autism spectrum disorders or Asperger's syndrome, and individuals with traumatic brain injury. Coursework emphasizes an understanding and application of the behavioral concepts and theories, as well as the development of both assessment and intervention skills.

Pursuing the applied behavior analysis concentration could help you on your way to becoming a Board Certified Behavior Analyst® (BCBA®). The BACB has verified the course sequence of the applied behavior analysis concentration as meeting the coursework requirements for eligibility to take the BCBA Examination.⁴ Practicum and nonpracticum versions of the concentration are available. Students who would like to get a head start on the field experience hours required to sit for the BCBA Examination can elect to complete a practicum.

Industrial/Organizational Psychology

The industrial/organizational psychology concentration is designed for working professionals who are seeking to broaden their knowledge and apply principles of industrial/organizational psychology in business and organizational settings. The curriculum explores organizational management and behavior theories and strategies, workplace motivation and attitudes, training and evaluation, and human resources management. Practicum and nonpracticum versions of the concentration are available. The practicum is designed to provide students with hands-on, real-world experience within the field.

Program Detail

Master of Science in Psychology

› Credit Hours:

60, 65, or 70 for nonthesis track,
depending on concentration
65, 70, or 75 for thesis track,
depending on concentration



Here Is What One Faculty Member Had to Say

Dr. Julee Poole

› Academic Chair, Graduate Psychology Department

“Our motto in the Kaplan University graduate psychology program is ‘Enter to Learn, Depart to Serve.’ It is our belief that we are preparing the next generation of professionals in the fields of applied behavior analysis, addictions, general psychology, and industrial-organizational psychology. Our faculty are scholar-practitioners who strive to provide the highest quality of instruction with student success as our #1 value.”

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Kaplan University—A Different School of Thought®

A Commitment of Support for Military Students

We provide specialized support and benefits, including:

- › Military-friendly leave of absence and drop policies
- › Participation in the Yellow Ribbon Program
- › Reduced tuition rates for graduate programs (see our website for complete program costs)
- › Specially trained advisors who understand military culture, procedures, and educational benefits

Why Kaplan University?

Our programs are designed to offer you the freedom to grow and pursue your goals. We offer:

- › Online classes that allow you to study virtually anytime, anywhere you have an Internet connection.
- › Personal advisors to help you select the courses to meet your goals.

Other Programs

In addition to this program, Kaplan University also offers:

- › Master of Science in Human Services
- › Bachelor of Science in Psychology in Addictions
- › Bachelor of Science in Psychology in Applied Behavior Analysis
- › Bachelor of Science in Psychology in Industrial/Organization Psychology
- › Psychology Certificates, including Graduate Certificate in Industrial/Organizational Psychology
- › Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) Postbaccalaureate Certificate

Note From the Dean

“The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences degree programs are created to meet the unique needs of students. Whether students are interested in the flexibility of creating their own degree plan, applying previously earned college credit to earn their degree faster, or starting a degree from the beginning, the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences focuses on the needs of adult students in pursuing their educational, career, and personal goals.”

Sara Sander

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Dean and Vice President,
College of Social
and Behavioral Sciences



IMPORTANT INFORMATION—PLEASE READ

For comprehensive consumer and gainful employment information, visit kaplan.edu/info.

¹Kaplan University’s programs are designed to prepare graduates to pursue the stated positions, which have varying responsibilities. However, Kaplan University cannot guarantee employment or career advancement. Additional training or certification may be required. In addition, job titles and responsibilities may vary from organization to organization. The professional practice of psychology is regulated by each state, and the degree requirements in this Master of Science in Psychology program do not prepare graduates for state licensure. It is important to note that, while earning a master’s degree in psychology may qualify you to work in the helping professions, a doctorate degree is required to become a psychologist and a medical degree is required to become a psychiatrist. Licensure exams may also be required.

²Although certain programs at Kaplan University are designed to prepare students to take various certification or licensing exams, the University cannot guarantee the student will be eligible to sit for or pass those exams. In some cases, field experience, additional coursework, and/or background checks may be necessary to take or to successfully pass the exams.

³Kaplan University makes no representations or warranties as to whether the program meets the specific licensing requirements for any individual state. Kaplan University encourages its students to independently research the requirements in any state in which they intend to seek licensure.

⁴The Behavior Analyst Certification Board,® Inc., (BACB®) has verified the course sequence of the Master of Science in Psychology as meeting the coursework requirements for eligibility to take the Board Certified Behavior Analyst® Examination. Applicants will have to meet additional requirements to qualify. Refer to the BACB’s website (www.bacb.com) for full eligibility requirements. Students should research the requirements in the state in which they intend to seek employment.

⁵The Master of Science in Psychology with a concentration in addictions is accredited by the National Addiction Studies Accreditation Commission (NASAC, nasacaccreditation.org). Kaplan University is a National Association for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors (NAADAC)-approved education provider, and the master’s degree meets the coursework requirements to prepare you to take the National Certification Commission for Addiction Professionals’ Master Addictions Counselor (MAC) examination. Note that additional requirements must also be completed to take the MAC examination(s), including degree, field experience, and licensure requirements. Refer to www.NAADAC.org for full eligibility requirements including state-specific information.

⁶Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Psychologists, www.bls.gov/ooh/life-physical-and-social-science/psychologists.htm. These employment projections are provided for informational purposes only. National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.

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