

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY CARBONDALE

BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS AND THERAPY



GROUNDBREAKING

SIU has long been at the forefront in the field of behavior analysis and therapy.

Our behavior analysis and therapy master's degree program was the first of its kind in the world. It even earned the "Enduring Contribution to the Field of Behavior Analysis" award in 2005 from the Association for Behavior Analysis International, the national accrediting organization.

We have again taken the lead by establishing a new baccalaureate degree program in behavior analysis and therapy as of the fall 2015 semester. Ours is just the second such program in the United States and the first in Illinois!

OPPORTUNITY AWAITS

Behavior analysis and therapy is a fast-growing field in today's world. Due to ever-increasing numbers of people diagnosed with developmental disorders such as intellectual disabilities, autism spectrum disorders and traumatic brain injuries, there is a high demand for bachelor's-level human service personnel with specialized training in behavior analysts.

The field is relatively new, with national undergraduate degree certifications credentials just a decade old. Graduates will be eligible for positions such as "social and human service assistants," for which the Bureau of Labor Statistics anticipates a job growth rate of 28 percent within the next 10 years.

A multitude of career options awaits you as a graduate of our bachelor's degree program. Positions exist in schools, community and social service agencies, elderly care facilities and more.

You also will be prepared for entry into a master's degree program such as the one at SIU's Rehabilitation Institute, enabling you to become a board-certified behavior analyst.

UNIQUE POSSIBILITIES

You will be able to put your knowledge into practice by completing a clinical practicum in a placement that you select from many available locations, including area human service agencies and schools. You also can join faculty and graduate students in exciting and innovative research taking place on campus and in community-based settings.

Want to hear about some of the other special opportunities we offer our students?

You can assess challenging behavior in students, and guide teachers on best practices for dealing with those behaviors. You can be involved in diagnosing and evaluating children with autism. Or you can help people with brain injuries recover their abilities through behavior therapy.

You can assist your fellow SIU students and your community by getting involved with addiction research. You also can aid children with emotional problems, or do neuroimaging of pathological gamblers as you explore how they can break their addictions.

Or perhaps you will choose to teach daily living, language, communication and social skills to adults with intellectual disabilities. You can participate in applying contemporary behavior therapy models to help adults with intellectual disabilities manage their emotions.

You can study the principles of learning in the Rehabilitation Institute's invertebrate laboratories by working with giant Madagascar cockroaches, crayfish and giant Maine lobsters. We've taught cockroaches to kick miniature soccer balls through little goals and paddle tiny "surfboards" across the water to reach dry land. And we've trained crustaceans to turn left or right, depending on whether they see a green light or a red light.

There are very real, practical implications when you participate in these diverse and eye-opening training experiences. Even while in school, you will be making a difference in people's lives and expanding knowledge in the field, as you learn through experience how to do even more.

At SIU you'll see that for yourself, even before you earn your diploma.



INTERACTIVE LEARNING

There's no teacher quite like experience, and we provide our students with plenty of it! Our curriculum emphasizes behavior assessment and measurement coupled with research evaluating the effectiveness of behavioral interventions. We merge classroom study and investigation with hands-on practical experience, applying effective interventions in various clinical, social and educational settings.

We deliver a well-rounded educational experience incorporating on-campus and online courses. You also will complete a clinical practicum in a human service setting, working alongside trained professionals in the field.

You may elect to join our Behavior Analysis and Therapy registered student organization, enhancing your learning experience as you network and advance your career potential.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Years ago people with disabilities, particularly severe ones, often resided in isolated, segregated institutions. Now they typically live and work in community settings, and there is a significant need for trained professionals to help them. Our behavior analysis and therapy program will prepare you to do just that!

You will be ready for a career in a variety of human service settings, including day treatment and residential programs that serve individuals with severe disabilities and their families.



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