

# BACHELOR OF ARTS IN APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY

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Preparation for a successful applied psychology career requires a broad knowledge base for the major elements of psychological sciences. Thus the Bachelor of Arts degree in Applied Psychology (BAAP) program equips students with professional knowledge and practical skills in general psychology, recommended concentrations, and electives. The program promotes personal and spiritual growth by emphasizing Christian values, ethical principles, and effective interpersonal relationships in diverse settings. The BAAP program is unique in that it not only provides a broad liberal arts foundation for lifelong learning, but incorporates applied psychological training and development approaches that are experiential, applicable, and practical, utilizing theoretical constructs from researchers in the field. The BAAP program provides students the experience of exploring applied psychology from accomplished instructors, successful practitioners, and cooperating institutions.

The BAAP program prepares students for career opportunities in industries such as social services, government agencies, justice departments, nonprofits, and a variety of areas of ministry, along with the ability to advance to graduate education. The job possibilities include child welfare liaison, probation officer, adolescent residential care counselor, Christian camp counselor, corrections officer, etc. Completing a concentration gives students the opportunity to stand out among others in their field of interest, increasing their marketability for jobs and graduate education. A concentration may also provide opportunities to transfer credits and reduce coursework requirements for certain graduate school programs.

The material within psychology courses can be sensitive in nature. You may read, study, watch, and discuss potentially disturbing topics. Some of the materials may result in difficulties for you. Some courses in the program require self-examination and/or public discussion regarding sexual history; history of abuse and neglect; psychological treatment; and relationships with parents, peers, and spouses or significant others. Please consult your instructor or an appropriate treatment provider should you have concerns or experience any difficulties.

## Program Learning Outcomes (PLO) for the B.A. Degree in Applied Psychology

Graduates of the Bachelor of Arts degree in Applied Psychology program will be able to:

- **PLO 1:** Demonstrate the ability to integrate principles of applied psychology and Christian faith.
- **PLO 2:** Demonstrate knowledge of ethical decision making within the applied psychology disciplines.
- **PLO 3:** Identify and use theoretical frameworks and practical skills for effective critical inquiry and information literacy.
- **PLO 4:** Develop professional competencies in applied psychology.
- **PLO 5:** Analyze the critical role that multicultural awareness plays in understanding psychological processes and behavior.
- **PLO 6:** Demonstrate effective communication skills.