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# **Applied Behavioral Psychology**

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## **Certificate Program**

**College of Continuing Education  
The University of Rhode Island**

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The University of Rhode Island Certificate Program in Applied Behavioral Psychology is a five-course sequence designed to provide training and experience in the use of behavioral approaches with children, adolescents, and adults in educational and mental health settings. The program emphasizes psychological research findings and practical applications. The coursework offers positive strategies for educational and clinical intervention, addresses ethical issues of working with special populations, and provides a supervised practicum in the application of these approaches.

This program is designed for students planning to become educators or mental health workers, or for agency staff and administrators wishing to upgrade skills. Classes are taught by experienced instructors and include training and supervision from professionals currently active in the field. Practicum sites include the Groden Center, a nationally recognized treatment program for autism and other behavioral disorders.

**For more information,** contact the Psychology Department, College of Continuing Education, The University of Rhode Island, 199 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908-5090. Phone (401) 277-3832 or 277-3830.

## Program Requirements

The certificate program consists of five three-credit courses which may be applied toward a degree at the University of Rhode Island. PSY 113 (General Psychology) or its equivalent is a program prerequisite. The required courses are:

- *Either* PSY 232 (Developmental Psychology) or PSY 254 (Behavior Problems and Personality Disorders);
- PSY 361 (Learning)
- PSY 442 (The Exceptional Individual)
- PSY 471 (Applied Behavioral Analysis)
- PSY 473 (Practicum in Behavioral Psychology).

Students are required to maintain a C average. At least fifty percent of the coursework must be taken at URI. Persons who have taken equivalents for up to two of the courses elsewhere may apply for transfer credit. Equivalencies for courses taken at the Community College of Rhode Island are indicated on the required course listing on the reverse; Rhode Island College equivalents are available at 277-3832.

When all required courses have been successfully completed, the student should inform the Office of Finance and Records (277-3814) in order to receive the certificate.

Completion of the program indicates that the student has successfully completed the requirements of The University of Rhode Island for the certificate; no degree is implied.

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## Required Courses

*Program prerequisite:*

**PSY 113 General Psychology**, or equivalent [CCRI PSYC 2010].

*One of the following 200-level courses:*

**PSY 254 Behavior Problems and Personality Disorders** (3 credits). Evaluation of the more serious behavioral disorders; theories, interpretation of symptoms and methods of treatment [CCRI PSYC 2110].

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**PSY 232 Developmental Psychology** (3 credits). Comprehensive understanding of human development and growth from birth to senescence [CCRI PSYC 2030].

**PSY 361 Learning** (3 credits). Learning process in humans and subhumans, including principles and methods of operant learning and behavior modification principles. *Prerequisite: PSY 301 or permission of instructor* [CCRI PSYC 2050].

**PSY 442 The Exceptional Individual** (3 credits). Classification, institutionalization, and treatment of the physically, psychologically, and mentally disabled; legislation and needs for integration into community life.

**PSY 471 Applied Behavioral Analysis** (3 credits). Behavioral approaches to analyze and remediate problems of children and adults in educational and human service settings and everyday life. *Prerequisite: PSY 361 or permission of instructor.*

**PSY 473 Practicum in Behavioral Psychology** (3 credits). Supervised, on-site field experience in applications of behavioral approaches in educational or human service setting. *Prerequisite: PSY 471 or permission of instructor.*