

What Can I Do With a Major In...

Major: Applied Behavior Analysis

Your Future in Applied Behavior Analysis

<http://www.unt.edu/majors/ubehv.htm>

Are you fascinated by how people behave? Ever wonder why people make certain decisions? Do you enjoy helping people improve the quality of their lives? Then pursuing a degree in Applied Behavior Analysis may be for you. People with degrees in Behavior Analysis are competitive for positions in a variety of fields. These jobs generally involve working directly with client populations or helping more experienced behavior analysts with projects and research. You can be credentialed as a Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst, which qualifies you to work in:

- School settings
- ABA therapy for families with autistic children
- Residential and training facilities for persons with disabilities
- Business and industry

What We Offer

<https://pacs.unt.edu/behavior-analysis/>

Our curriculum teaches you how behavior is affected by events in the social and physical environment, how to change behavior and improve lives. We combine theoretical and practical learning to provide an in-depth knowledge base and marketable skills. You will gain practical experience through required field work or by joining ongoing application and research projects. Some projects have involved working with:

- Animals in zoos, homes and agricultural settings
- Area schools
- Children with Autism
- The Child Study Center
- The Denton State Supported Living Center
- Easter Seals of North Texas
- Troubled Adolescents
- The UNT Kristin Farmer Autism Center

Related Career Titles (with OnetOnline links)

Entry-Level (Bachelor's Degree):

Behavior Analyst Assistant	<u>Legislative Aide</u>
Caseworker	Management Trainee
Child Welfare/Children's Services	<u>Market Research Analyst</u>
Community Development Specialist	Multicultural Program Leader
Community Health Worker	<u>Patient Representative</u>
Community Living Assistant	<u>Preschool Teacher</u>
<u>Community Service Specialist</u>	Program Coordinator/Assistant
Developmental Disabilities	<u>Public Relations Specialist</u>
Employment Recruiter	<u>Research Associate</u>
Friend of the Court Case Worker	Shelter Manager
<u>Immigration Inspector</u>	<u>Social and Human Service Assistant</u>
Information Officer	<u>Social Science Research Assistant</u>
Insurance Claims Adjuster	<u>Student Services Specialist</u>
Intake Counselor	Teacher/Trainer
Juvenile Probation Officer	<u>Translator</u>
Laboratory Assistant	Youth Advocate

Jobs Requiring Additional Education or Experience:

Advocate	Legislative Compliance Officer
Animal Behaviorist	<u>Management Analyst</u>
Behavioral Science Advisor	<u>Marketing Manager</u>
Behavioral Disorder Counselor	Multicultural Education Specialist/Director
Bilingual/Bicultural Program Specialist	<u>Occupational Therapist Assistant</u>
Brain Trauma Rehabilitation	Park Service Supervisor/Director
<u>Clinical Psychologist</u>	Public Health Educator
Community Development Officer	<u>Public Relations Specialist</u>
<u>Community Planner</u>	Rehabilitation Counselor
Development Director	Rural Development Officer
Early Childhood Interventionist	School Psychologist
<u>Employee Relations Specialist</u>	<u>School Social Worker</u>
Family Service Counselor	Site Manager
Foreign Affairs Officer	Social Science Analyst
Foster Parent Consultant	Social Service Agency Planner
Foundation Program Manager	Special Education Teacher
Genealogist	State/Federal Government Agency Analyst
<u>Genetic Counselor</u>	<u>Substance Abuse Counselor</u>
Head Start Program Director	Teacher, <u>Elementary/Secondary</u>
Health Science Administrator	Teacher of English as a Second Language
<u>Human Resources Manager</u>	<u>Vocational Teacher</u>
In-home Program Coordinator	Wildlife Biologist
Job Counselor	<u>Zoologist</u>

Related Work Sites

Assisted/Independent Living Centers
Behavioral Health Systems
Bureau of Land Management
Child Welfare Agencies
Community Centers
Counseling Agencies
Courts
Department of Children's Services
Department of Education
Department of Health and Human Services
Department of Housing and Urban
Development
Department of Natural Resources
Department of Transportation
Drug/Alcohol Rehabilitation Centers
Early Intervention Programs
Environmental/Engineering Companies
Federal, State, and Local Government
Agencies
Head Start
Hospitals and Medical Centers
Human Resources
Insurance Companies
National Institutes of Health

National Park Service
Nature Centers
Nonprofit Organizations
Parks Department
Private Foundations
Private Treatment Facilities
Property Management Firms
Public Health Service
Public or Private Schools
Public Relations Departments
Public Welfare Agencies
Research Institutes
Residential, Foster Care, Adoption Agencies
Service Providers
Social Service Agencies
Special Interest Groups
Specialized Clinics
Treatment Centers
Universities and Colleges
U.S. Forest Service
Wellness Promotion
Wildlife Sanctuaries
Youth Services Organizations
Zoos

Skills to Develop to Include on a Resume

Ability to meet deadlines
Active listening
Attention to detail
Budget and fiscal management
Case management
Competency in cultures/languages
Coping skills
Counseling techniques
Crisis intervention
Critical thinking
Interpersonal skills
Intervention
Leadership
Observing human interactions
Organizational skills

Patience and perseverance
Planning projects
Problem solving
Rapport building
Stress Management
Strong computer knowledge
Summarizing results
Time management
Understanding of environmental factors
Understanding group dynamics
Willingness to adapt
Work well under pressure
Work well with different types of people
Written and oral communication skills

Exploring Careers in Applied Behavior Analysis

Animal Behaviorist: <http://www.aboutbioscience.org/careers/animalbehaviorist>

Autism Research Institute: <http://www.autism.com/>

Behavior Analyst Certification Board: <http://www.bacb.com/>

Center for the Integrative Study of Animal Behavior:

<http://www.indiana.edu/~animal/index.php>

Institute for Applied Behavior Analysis: <http://www.iaba.com/>

Partington Behavior Analysts: <http://www.partingtonbehavioranalysts.com/>

Professional Associations

American Public Human Services Association:

<http://www.aphsa.org/content/APHSA/en/home.html>

Association for Behavior Analysis International: <http://www.abainternational.org/>

Association for Science in Autism Treatment: <http://www.asatonline.org/>

Autism Society: <http://www.autism-society.org/>

Child Welfare League of America: <http://www.cwla.org/>

National Organizations for Human Services: <http://www.nationalhumanservices.org/>

Texas Association for Behavior Analysis: <http://www.txaba.org/>

Student Organizations

Organization for Reinforcement Contingencies with Animals: <http://orgs.unt.edu/orca/>

UNT Student Organizations: <http://studentaffairs.unt.edu/student-organizations>

Job Search Links

All Health Jobs: <http://www.allhealthjobs.com/>

American Public Human Services Association: <http://aphsa.careerwebsite.com/>

Association for Behavior Analysis International: <http://www.abainternational.org/jobs.aspx>

Center for Nonprofit Management: <http://cnmconnect.org/>

Common Good Careers: <http://commongoodcareers.org/>

Community Career Center: <https://nonprofitjobs.org/>

Corporation for National and Community Service:

<http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/careers>

Deep Sweep: <http://deepsweep.com/>

Eagle Careers: <http://studentaffairs.unt.edu/eagle-careers>

Exec Searches: <https://execsearches.com/>

Human Services Career Network: <http://www.hscareers.com/>

Idealist: <http://www.idealists.org/>

iHireSocialServices: <http://www.ihiresocialservices.com/>

International Center for Research on Women: <http://icrw.applicantstack.com/x/openings>

Nation Job: <http://www.nationjob.com/Job-Seeker-Network/>

Nonprofit Career Network: <http://www.nonprofitcareer.com/resource/searchdb/searchdb.cfm>
Nonprofit Career Match: <http://careercenter.nptimes.com/jobs/>
Nonprofit Job Market: <http://www.nonprofitjobmarket.org/>
Nonprofit Job Source: <http://www.nonprofitjobsource.com/>
Nonprofit Jobs: <http://www.nonprofit-jobs.org/>
Nonprofit Opportunities: <http://www.npo.net/>
On Philanthropy: <http://www.dotorgjobs.com/>
Organizers for America: <http://organizersforamerica.org/page.php?id=89>
Social Service Job Site: <http://www.socialservice.com/search.cfm>
Texas Association for Behavior Analysis:
<http://www.txaba.org/announcements/jobPostings.php>
United Way: <https://careers.unitedway.org/jobs>
Work4aGoodCause: <http://work4agoodcause.com/>
Work for Good: <https://www.workforgood.org/>
World Wildlife Fund: <http://www.worldwildlife.org/about/careers>

Internship Search Links

America's Job Exchange: <http://www.americasjobexchange.com/>
Career Rookie: <http://www.career rookie.com/>
Carter Center: <http://www.cartercenter.org/involved/internship/index.html>
College Grad: <https://collegegrad.com/>
Eagle Careers: <http://studentaffairs.unt.edu/eagle-careers>
Indeed: <http://www.indeed.com/>
InternJobs: <http://internjobs.com/>
Internships: <http://www.internships.com/>
Jobing: <http://www.jobing.com/>
Jobs Flag: <http://www.jobsflag.com/>
Jobs Radar: <http://www.jobsradar.com/>
Link Up: <http://www.linkup.com/>
LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/?trk=hb_ft_jobs
National Park Service: <http://www.nps.gov/aboutus/jobsforstudents.htm>
UNT Department of Behavior Analysis:
<https://pacs.unt.edu/behavior-analysis/content/practicum-opportunities>
Zip Recruiter: <https://www.ziprecruiter.com/>

Find a Mentor

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/>

Additional Resources

Bankrate Cost of Living Calculator:

<http://www.bankrate.com/calculators/savings/moving-cost-of-living-calculator.aspx>

CareerHMO: <http://careerhmo.com/>

CareerOneStop: <http://www.careeronestop.org/>

CareeRealism: <http://www.careerealism.com/>

CollegeGrad: <http://www.collegegrad.com/jobs>

GlassDoor: <http://www.glassdoor.com/index.htm>

Going Global: <http://online.goingglobal.com/default.aspx>

LinkedIn: <http://university.linkedin.com/linkedin-for-students.html>

mySkills myFuture: <http://www.myskillsmyfuture.org/>

Salary Calculator Center: www.jobsearchintelligence.com/salary-calculator-intro/-etc

Occupational Outlook Handbook: <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

O*NET OnLine: <http://www.onetonline.org/>

PayScale Salary Survey: <http://www.payscale.com/wizards/choose.aspx>

Sperling's Compare Cost of Living: <http://www.bestplaces.net/cost-of-living/>

Need help figuring all this out? Call the Career Center and make an appointment with your Career Development Specialist! You can also get help with resume and cover letter writing and interview skills preparation.

**Information for this handout compiled from the following Career Services Departments:*

Central Washington University: <http://www.cwu.edu/career/>

Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne: <http://www.ipfw.edu/offices/career/>

Texas State University: <http://www.careerservices.txstate.edu/>

University of North Carolina Wilmington: <http://www.uncw.edu/career/index.html>

University of North Texas: <http://studentaffairs.unt.edu/career-center>

University of Tennessee-Knoxville: <http://career.utk.edu/>

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire: <http://www.uwec.edu/Career/index.htm>

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