

# Behaviour Science Program:

## Specializing in Applied Behaviour Analysis & Positive Behaviour Supports

A Unique Opportunity for  
York University Psychology Students



# About The Behaviour Science Program

- Part-Time Program (6 months or 10 months)
- Accredited Post-Graduate Ontario College Certificate
- Enhanced educational and evidence-based, practical skills in Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA)
- Focus on individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, autism spectrum disorders, dual diagnosis, mental health challenges and complex needs (e.g., ABI, FASD, etc.)
- However, skills and knowledge are generalizable across behavioural challenges, diagnoses or settings (e.g., school, community, hospital, etc.).

# APPROVED BY THE BACB

- The Behavior Analyst Certification Board (**BACB**), Inc.<sup>®</sup> has approved Humber College's Behaviour Science Program course sequence as meeting the 4th tasklist coursework requirements for eligibility to take the Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst (BCaBA) Examination<sup>®</sup>.
- Applicants will have to meet additional requirements to qualify (i.e., supervision hours). Please check out the website for more details ([www.bacb.com](http://www.bacb.com)). Only those with a B.A, BSc. or M.A. may qualify based on the standards set out by the BACB.



# Admission Requirements

## ***Educational:***

- A Developmental Services Worker Diploma, or
- A diploma in a related human services area such as Social Services Worker, Child and Youth Worker, Early Childhood Education, Nursing, Gerontology, etc., or
- A degree in a related area such as Psychology, Social Work, Education, etc.

**AND**

## ***Experiential:***

- Working or volunteering with individuals with a developmental disability, or
- Being a family member of an individual with a developmental disability

# Behaviour Science Program (Curriculum)

There are 6 compulsory courses:

**BSCI 5001:** Introduction to Behaviour Technology: Applied Behaviour Analysis and Behaviour Theory (Blended\*)

**BSCI 5002:** Behaviour Technology I: Applications of Behavioural Methodology & Specialized Strategies (Blended)

**BSCI 5003:** Behaviour Technology II: Principles, Processes and Positive-Based Procedures (Blended)

**BSCI 5004:** Functional Behavioural Assessment & Program Evaluation (Blended)

**BSCI 5005:** Field Practice (Placement & Online Component)  
- Mandatory and double the hours of the other courses.

**BSCI 5006:** Professional Practice (Online)

- \* *Blended = In-Class & Online Component per week*
- *You must complete 5001-5004 b/f you can do 5005 & 5006*

# Course Sequences

## 6 month Intensive Option

**BSCI 5001\***: March-April

**BSCI 5002**: May-June

**BSCI 5003**: May-June

(3 weekends)

**BSCI 5004**: 1 week in July

**BSCI 5005 & 5006**: July - August

## 10 month Option

**BSCI 5001\***: September-October

**BSCI 5002**: November- December

**BSCI 5003**: January-February

**BSCI 5004**: March- April

**BSCI 5005**: May-June

(July-August)

**BSCI 5006**: May-June

(July-August)

## Requirements in Advance of Placement:

- Find your own placement and qualified supervisor
- Valid Police Check (Vulnerable Persons)
- CPR / First Aid
- Crisis Prevention Intervention (CPI) or Safe Management Group Training (SMG)
- Anything else the placement requires of you

# Potential Benefits for York University Psychology Students

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# Additional Benefits for Students

- Completion of the certificate while you work
- Curriculum is comprehensive and specifically focused on the breadth and clinical applications of ABA
- Placement options in ABA and community-based agencies
- Pay-As-You-Go, Bursaries for students who qualify
- *Graduates have become behaviour technicians, behaviour consultants, specialized resource teachers within the community, social services, mental health and school systems.*

# Quote Unquote

- "The program provided me with a comprehensive and relevant understanding of the concepts of Applied Behaviour Analysis and the use of positive approaches, as well as opportunities to apply these concepts in professional settings. I draw upon these valuable learning experiences daily in my present role as a Behaviour Consultant. “

***Mackenzie Ketchell***

**Behaviour Consultant**

**(upon graduating from the Program)**

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- "Applied behaviour analysis and psychiatry are both important disciplines; they enhance each other infinitely when both specialties take a symbiotic approach towards each other. This cannot be more evident than when we support individuals with varying intellectual and developmental disabilities and complex needs.

For students who are interested in pursuing this fascinating and rewarding clinical field, the Behaviour Science Program at Humber College will certainly provide enhanced skills, a solid knowledge base and great field experience for students.“

***Dr. John C. C. Chan, M.Sc., M.D., FRCPC***  
**Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist**  
**Shaw Clinic, York Central Hospital**

If you have any questions or if you would like to apply to our unique and growing Program, please contact me:

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