



NUI MAYNOOTH

Ollscoil na hÉireann Má Nuad

M.Sc./Doctorate in Psychological Science (Behaviour Analysis and Therapy)

First Doctoral level training in Behavior Analysis in Ireland and the UK, conferring eligibility for the Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) qualification

Features of the course

- Students can complete two years of the course and graduate with a **Masters**, or complete a third year of supervised research to graduate with a **Doctorate**
- The **BCBA approval** applies to the first two years, thus students need not complete the doctoral year for BCBA eligibility
- The course is full-time* and involves attending weekly classes for the first two academic years (e.g. every Monday throughout each semester between 10am and 6pm, with occasional attendance required during weekends)
- Students will complete casework relating directly to their on-going role in a relevant facility
- There are no formal classes in third year, but students will attend regular meetings with their research supervisor, submit a doctoral thesis, and attend a viva voce

Year 2 (BCBA) Modules

- Experimental Design & Data Analysis
- Clinical Behaviour Analysis: Applications
- Measurement, Design & Data Analysis II
- Ethics and Professional Conduct II
- Systems, Organisations, Management
- Research II (Project & Thesis)

Year 1 Modules

- Ethical & Professional Conduct I
- Concepts, Principles, Foundations: Behaviour Analysis
- Functional Behavioural Assessment
- Measurement, Experimental Design & Data Analysis I
- Behaviour Change Procedures
- Clinical Behaviour Analysis: Principles & Practices
- Systems, Organisations, Management & Supervision I
- Research I (Project & Thesis)

What does the course offer?

- The first doctoral level training in Behaviour Analysis in Ireland and the UK
- Eligibility to sit the examination for the higher level Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) qualification
- Access to state-of-the-art research and computing facilities
- Opportunity to study under academic staff with international reputations in behaviour analysis (e.g. in 2012, Professor Dermot Barnes-Holmes was the first ever non-American psychologist to be given the ABA International Don Hake Translational Research Award from the American Psychological Association)





Further information

- Candidates will ideally hold a primary degree in Psychology and be employed in a setting that would facilitate the appropriate casework.
- We may be able to assist students who fail to acquire employment in securing relevant voluntary experience in an appropriate setting
- **Closing Date** for Applications: 20th June 2014
- Duration: 3 years full-time* for Doctorate, 2 years full-time* for M.Sc. Degree
- Course Commences: September 2014 (Date to be confirmed; commencement is subject to sufficient numbers of successful applicants)

APPLY ON LINE – www.pac.ie

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WHAT DO OUR DOCTORAL GRADUATES SAY?

Dr Ciara Dunne, BCBA: "As well as a permanent position in St. Catherine's, I'm doing some work for the Open Training College. Social skills group going great at weekends too (have a waiting list of 40+ families interested) so I will definitely be kept going but I love it :-) It's funny; I fill my free hours so much after completing the Doctorate (just so used to the busy lifestyle). Great training!"

Dr Audrey Pidgeon, BCBA (Ambitious About Autism, London, UK): "I got another promotion and am Manager of Ambitious Support! It is challenging, but incredibly fun and a really enjoyable job! The Doctorate was intensive but has excellent supports from directors and teaching staff; it helped develop my professional and organisational skills which have been hugely beneficial in my role as a practitioner. If your students are interested in working with individuals with autism they can contact me apidgeon@ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk. or visit our website http://www.ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk/page/who_we_are/the_pears_national_centre/index.cfm"

Dr Amanda Kelly, BCBA (Firefly Autism, Denver, USA): "I was promoted to Senior Consultant a few weeks ago! I co-ordinate and manage all of our social skills groups and run monthly training for all our Junior and Senior Therapists, which, on top of a full caseload keeps me very busy! The job is ever-changing, challenging and exciting! The opportunities afforded to me after completing doctoral training in ABA are endless."

Dr Michelle Durham (TCD): "Two months after I graduated, I applied for a position with the NEIL Programme in Trinity College Dublin. I couldn't believe it when I got the job! I now work collaboratively with the Alzheimer Society of Ireland as the "Early Intervention Coordinator", researching and developing interventions for people with dementia. My doctoral training has been invaluable in preparing me for such a challenging and exciting role"

Course Directors

- Prof Dermot Barnes-Holmes
- Dr Yvonne Barnes-Holmes
- Dr Carol Murphy, BCBA-D

*Full-time: required to attend classes
one day per week

Building links with:

- **Mental Health and Social Research Unit:** Director Dr Sinead McGilloway; *Incredible Years Ireland Study* (parent/child training).
- **Health Service Executive (HSE)**
- **Irish Centre of Behavioural and Social Research (ICBSR):** Co-Directors: Danielle Lyons, BCBA & Louise Heffernan, BCBA