

TRAUMA STUDIES, CERTIFICATE

Requirements for an undergraduate certificate may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the certificate.

Career Paths

The certificate in Trauma Studies can be pursued by most Penn State Behrend undergraduate students. It provides core competencies to students interested in pursuing research and applied experiences in trauma studies and offers an interdisciplinary understanding of the psychological, historical, sociocultural, political, and physiological aspects of trauma and recovery. Coursework builds a greater understanding of the unique economic, occupational, physical, medical, and interpersonal needs of trauma survivors. This certificate also can help you to develop a career track in the applied fields of psychology.

Careers

Pursuing the certificate in Trauma Studies will help you to develop a deeper understanding of the psychological, historical, sociocultural, political, economic, and physiological effects of trauma. This specialization can offer you additional career opportunities within the field of psychology, counseling, education, political science, history, pre-medicine, human development and family studies, or sociology.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT POTENTIAL CAREER OPTIONS FOR GRADUATES WITH A CERTIFICATE IN TRAUMA STUDIES (<https://behrend.psu.edu/school-of-humanities-social-sciences/academic-programs-1/certificate-programs/trauma-studies-certificate/>)

Opportunities for Graduate Studies

Clinical practice of trauma counseling requires education beyond a bachelor's degree. Penn State Behrend offers a Master of Arts degree program in Applied Clinical Psychology that includes optional preparation for the Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) credential. Penn State Behrend also offers a graduate certificate in Trauma-Informed Psychotherapy that pairs with the M.A. in Applied Clinical Psychology.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATE STUDIES (<https://behrend.psu.edu/school-of-humanities-social-sciences/academic-programs/master-of-applied-clinical-psychology/>)

Professional Resources

- American Psychological Association (<https://www.apa.org/>)
- International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (<https://istss.org/home/>)