

ANIMAL BEHAVIOR INSTITUTE

LABORATORY ANIMAL BEHAVIOR



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A more personal education



MEANINGFUL

WHAT

IS LABORATORY
ANIMAL BEHAVIOR?

Laboratory animal science encompasses both the behavior and husbandry of animals used in education and research. It includes a diverse array of professionals devoted to improving the lives of people and animals. Some of the disciplines included in lab animal science are animal care, toxicology, animal behavior, reproductive biology, anatomy, physiology, and pharmacology. Laboratory Animal Behavior focuses on the behavior, care, training and enrichment of the animals used in these programs.

Many different species are used in the field of laboratory animal behavior such as rodents, rabbits, ferrets, cats, dogs, pigs, primates, birds, fish, and amphibians. The proper care of these animals requires a thorough knowledge of their behavior and natural history. Federal regulations require institutions to provide for the psychological well-being of these laboratory animals, including requirements for group housing and the provision of appropriate environmental conditions. However, outstanding care goes beyond regulatory compliance; behavioral and environmental enrichment are essential to providing the highest levels of welfare for all animals in captivity. Proper enrichment can reduce stereotypes and other undesirable behaviors while increasing species-typical postures, activities and behavior.

CLINICAL



WHO

USES ANIMAL ASSISTED
THERAPY?

Who hires laboratory animal behaviorists? They are widely employed in industry, government organizations and academic institutions. Behavioral expertise is useful to professionals working in research, veterinary care and as laboratory animal technicians. Sample positions include:

- Laboratory animal technician
- Biomedical technician
- Enrichment specialist
- Veterinarian
- Research biologist
- Veterinary technician
- Animal facility manager
- Training & enrichment coordinator
- Animal care technician
- Behavioral researcher
- Safety assessment technician
- Toxicologist

The outlook for professionals in laboratory animal science is excellent. The field of animal care and service workers, which includes laboratory animal technicians, is expected to grow at a 15 percent over the next decade., faster than the average for all occupations. Salaries will continue to be significantly higher in the laboratory animal field relative to the average for all animal care workers.*

*U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Outlook Handbook.



FLEXIBLE

WHEN

CAN I START?

Now! Getting started is easy - you can apply online in minutes. Your academic advisor can help you plan your courses. Your certificate in Laboratory Animal Behavior requires the completion of five on-line courses and 40 hours of relevant field experience. Most students finish their certificate in 6-12 months.

Academic Curriculum

Our coursework is designed to provide you with a rigorous education in Training, Enrichment and Behavioral management.

The two required courses for this certificate program are:

ABI 222 Animal Enrichment

ABI 233 Animal Training*

You will also select three electives from the following:

ABI 271 Canine Behavior & Enrichment**

ABI 272 Feline Behavior & Enrichment

ABI 291 Carnivore Training & Behavior

ABI 375 Behavior of Rabbits & Rodents

ABI 378 Primate Behavior & Enrichment

*Must have access to an animal. **Must have access to a dog.

Field Requirement

We believe that academic training must be accompanied by real world experience to be truly effective. During your time as a student, you will complete a field requirement consisting of 40 hours of hands-on experience as an employee, intern or volunteer at an approved institution of your choice. One of the strengths of our program is that students are able to choose where they would like to complete their fieldwork; the facility is not assigned.



EXCEPTIONAL

WHY

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Widespread Recognition & Acceptance

You can be confident about pursuing your education with the Animal Behavior Institute. Our quality programs enjoy widespread acceptance at other institutions. We are licensed by the North Carolina State Board of Community Colleges* and accredited by the International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET). As a result of this Accredited Provider status, the Animal Behavior Institute is able to offer IACET CEU credits. These credits are accepted by hundreds of professional associations. Credit from our courses can also be applied to meet the continuing education requirements of many educational institutions, including public and private schools.

In addition, individual courses are accepted for CEU credit by, the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science (AALAS), the Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers, and the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. Please see our website at www.animaledu.com for a complete listing of our educational partners.

Upon graduation, students may begin using the designation CLABP, Certified Laboratory Animal Behavior Professional.

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Personal Support

We'll provide you with close personal support from the day you begin until well after you've finished your program. When you enroll at the Animal Behavior Institute your academic advisor will help you plan your individual program and to answer any questions that arise along the way. Students have the freedom to choose how many classes to take each semester, when to take them and how to pay for them. And our flexible financing makes any program affordable. Students can choose to finance a single course or their entire program – it's up to you. As an alumnus you'll have access to the same resources you've come to enjoy as a student. This includes access to job and internship listings, advising and assistance with resumes and cover letters. We're with you before and after you graduate.



PROFESSIONAL

WHAT

IS UNIQUE ABOUT
OUR FACULTY?

All courses at the Animal Behavior Institute share a common core, building a strong foundation and then applying that core to problem solving. The highlight of each week is a student-centered discussion; students work collectively to solve real world problems and case studies. Our approach helps build a strong rapport between each individual, their student colleagues, and the faculty. Small class sizes ensure that you'll know your instructors and receive the personal education you deserve.

An academic institution is only as strong as their faculty and ours are outstanding. Our faculty are selected on the basis of their education, experience, and passion for teaching. For a complete list of instructors and their qualifications please visit us at www.animaledu.com.

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