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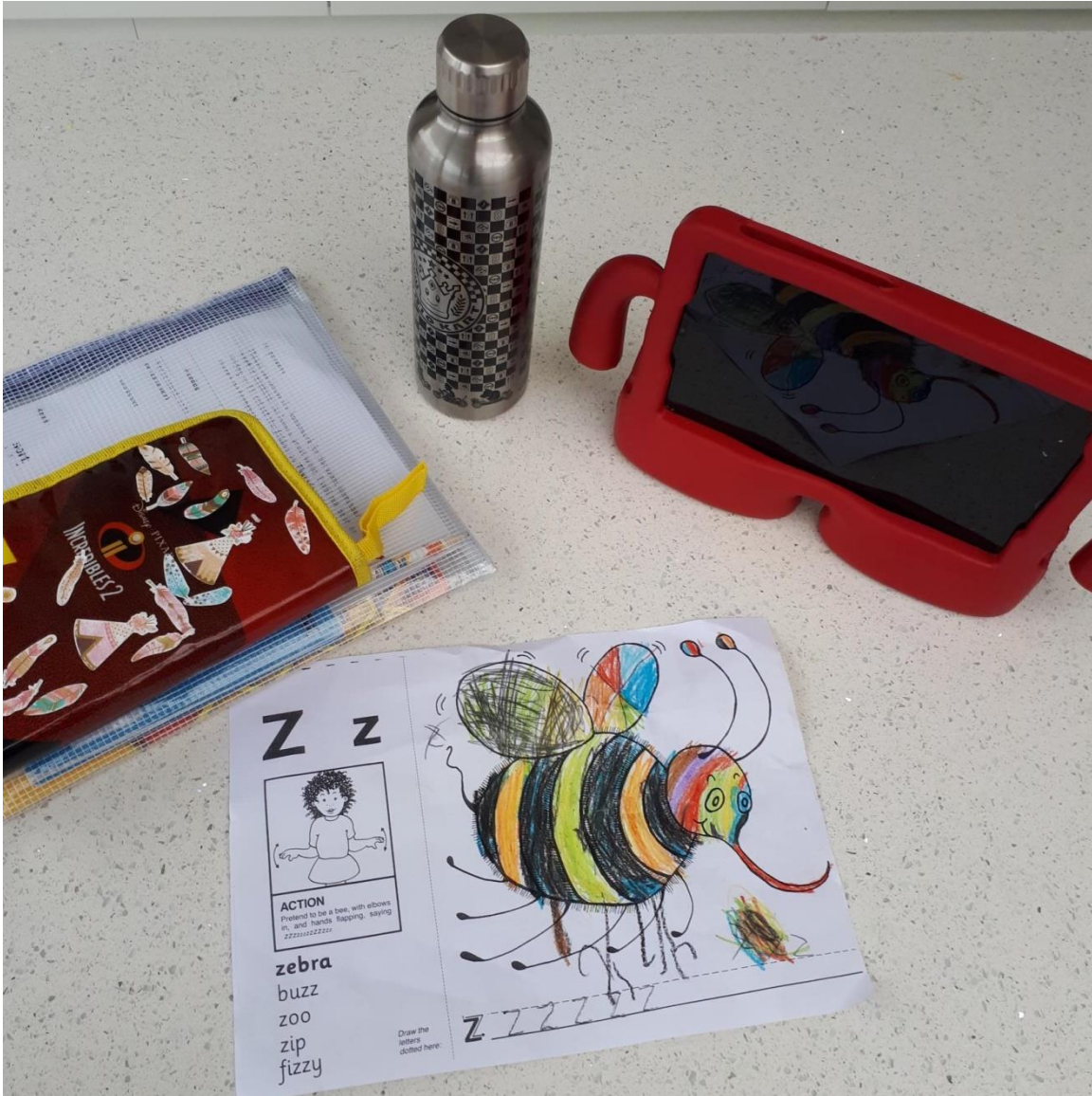
Chair of the Division of Behaviour
Analysis



the british
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promoting excellence in psychology

Psychology Careers Event: — Behaviour Analysis

What is Behaviour Analysis?



1. Behaviour analysis focuses on adapting environmental contingencies to promote positive outcomes.
2. Focus on 'socially significant' goals (focus on person-centred, consent-based approaches).
3. Meaningful improvement in important behaviour (like learning or communicating).
4. Analyse the factors responsible for improvement.
5. Methods are described and implemented in a clear, systematic manner.



Postgraduate Options in Ireland

- [MSc ABA National University of Ireland Galway](#)
- [PG.Dip/ MSc ABA Trinity College Dublin](#)
- [MSc ABA Queens University Belfast](#)
- [MSc ABA University of Ulster Coleraine](#)

NUIG and TCD
→ now PSI
accredited

Postgrad Courses – What to Expect

Trinity:

Full time, 2 years

2.1 Psychology or related discipline

Attend class 1 day per week/occasional weekend

Placement not provided but supported by course team

QUB:

1 year FT OR 3 years PT

2.1 in any subject + 1 year ABA Experience

2.2 + 2 years ABA experience

Mostly online, some workshops

Placement not included but provide contacts for placement providers

NUIG:

Full time, 2 years

2.1 Psychology or related discipline (experience taken into account)

Attend class 1 day per week/occasional weekend
Placement included

Ulster University:

Part-time 2 years

2.1 Psychology or related discipline – experience considered

2.2 can apply – pref. given for experience.

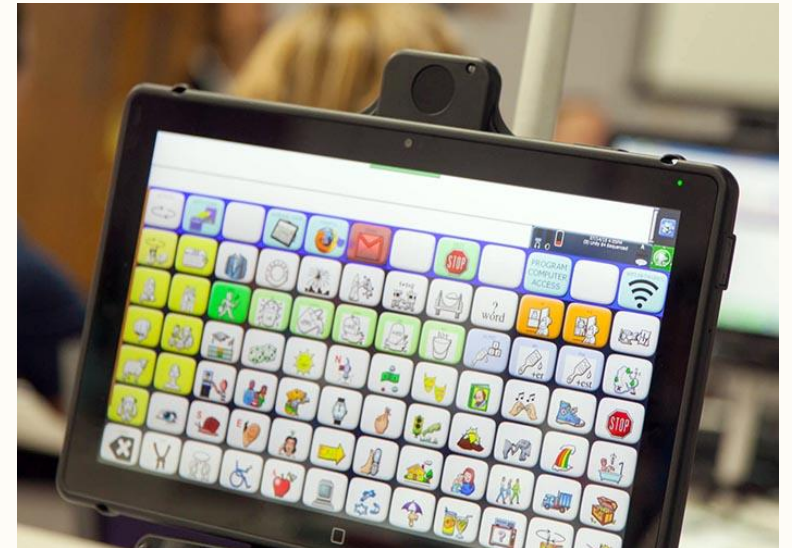
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Postgrad Courses – What to Expect

- ABA Definitions, Characteristics & Basic Principles
- Behavioural assessment, assess communication ability, etc
- Behavioural Intervention (BSP IEPs), Measurement & Evaluation
- Professional & Ethical Practice in Behavioural Psychology

- Apply what is learned in the classroom to workplace settings (e.g. *AAC devices* or *BPSD*).



Work Experience/Employment



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BRAIN INJURY
IRELAND

PALS

Pre-school



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- Range of experience important; e.g. Schools, brain injury and dementia services, addiction services, therapy, etc. **Support:** See the [ABA Ireland Facebook page](#) or [PSI DBA](#)



Qualifications after Postgrad

- **PSI Accredited Courses:**

- Graduates with UG degree in Psychology can become Chartered Behavioural Psychologists.
- Requires additional supervised experience (contact [DBA](#) for more details).

- **Non-Accredited Courses/non-Psychology Graduates:**

- The Irish Society for Behaviour Analysis (ISBA) → actively pursuing route for professional accreditation for behaviour analysts in Ireland
- To replace the outgoing BACB
- See www.ISBA.ie

Further Career Opportunities

- Education and behaviour support services (ID/ DD).
- Mental health services, residential and community living, acquired brain injury rehabilitation services, and older adult/dementia services.
- Excellent preparation for a further postgraduate study & career in clinical and educational or PhD research.
- Private work: home- and school-based behavioural or learning support interventions.
- Opportunities abroad like the New England Centre for Children (NECC) in Boston; NECC in London and Abu Dhabi.
- Work as behaviour analysts in countries such as the US, Australia, and Canada.

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