



## Thinking about an internship with Behavioral Dimensions?

Read the information inside to see if what we have to offer meets the objectives for your internship. If interested in pursuing an internship or practicum with Behavioral Dimensions, please contact the office at 952-814-0207 or [office@behavioraldimensions.com](mailto:office@behavioraldimensions.com)

Your information will be forwarded to the current internship coordinator.

# Behavioral Dimensions

## Internship Opportunities



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## An Overview of the IBI Program

Behavioral Dimensions provides a comprehensive service to children with autism which includes specific interventions designed to remediate the communication, social, and behavioral difficulties associated with autism.

Children are typically scheduled for 30 hours of 1:1 intervention per week. The intervention package is designed for each child by a licensed psychologist and is delivered by a team consisting of a clinical supervisor who is responsible for the implementation of the treatment plan objectives, a senior therapist who works directly with the child and evaluates and upgrades the programs weekly, and behavior therapists who are extensively trained in how to deliver discrete trial training sessions and manage problem behavior.

Additional staff on each child's team may include the Parent Support Coordinator and other staff who deliver family skills training to the child's parents.

An internship with BDI is appropriate if an objective of the internship is to become familiar with or learn how to implement ABA strategies with children with autism.

Students in the following programs are the typical intern with BDI:

- ✚ Undergraduate students from the University of Minnesota in the Autism & ABA class
- ✚ Undergraduate or graduate students from the University of Minnesota seeking an Autism Certificate
- ✚ Undergraduate or graduate students completing an ABA practicum course from St. Cloud State University
- ✚ Undergraduate or graduate students seeking the supervision hours necessary to apply for BCABA or BCBA certification.
- ✚ Students from other programs will be considered if the objectives of their internship closely fit with the service we provide.

Supervision: Internships may require specific qualifications from the supervisor (e.g., BCABA supervision requires that the supervisor is a BCBA). Internship opportunities are contingent on the availability of a qualified supervisor

Please note that we are not qualified to provide supervision for counseling or marriage and family therapy.

An internship is typically unpaid; however, a portion of the required internship hours can be paid if you are hired by us as a behavior therapist. This can be an option if you qualify as a mental health practitioner (see qualifications at [www.behavioraldimensions.com](http://www.behavioraldimensions.com)) and you can work a minimum of 6 hours a week with a child. As a behavior therapist, you will receive valuable training on how to use strategies to teach new skills to young children with autism using the Behavioral Dimensions intervention package. The role of a behavior therapist is to implement interventions directly to children.

Unpaid internship hours participating in tasks such as behavior measurement, the development of interventions based on functional analyses, and/or providing support to parents can be arranged with your individual supervisor once trained as a behavior therapist.

Interns are encouraged to remain employed by Behavioral Dimensions after their internship should they choose a career path delivering ABA services to children with autism.