

Graduate Certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis

The Graduate Certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) program will train you to be an exceptional practitioner of ABA-based interventions to improve quality of life for people with behavioral challenges, including children and adults with developmental needs.

In our program, you'll learn the conceptual foundations of ABA and how these behavioral principles are applied to improve behavior. The Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI®) has verified the course sequence offered in the University of Missouri's Applied Behavior Analysis Graduate Certificate Program and you will be able to apply our coursework to the requirements for the Board Certified Behavior Analyst® examination.

Graduate students can complete the certificate program while pursuing a degree, and the certificate also complements the skills of recent graduates and experienced professionals who want to specialize in ABA. Currently the BACB requires master's level BCBA applicants to have a minimum of a graduate degree (e.g., master's or doctoral) in an acceptable field of study (behavior analysis, education or psychology).

Requirements

The 6th edition BACB® task list requirements include 24 hours of coursework. Students enrolled in the certificate program have the choice to accrue fieldwork hours towards BACB® licensure at the MU Thompson Center, at one of our supervised learning sites, or independently from MU.

Courses

SPC_ED 8100	Concepts and Principles in Behavior Analysis	3
SPC_ED 8440	Advanced Behavior Management: Applied Behavior Analysis	3
SPC_ED 8353	Advanced Studies: Single Subject Design	3
SPC_ED 8385	Individualized Assessment and Intervention	3
SPC_ED 8450	Verbal Behavior	3
SPC_ED 8500	Systems Level Behavior Analysis	3
SPC_ED 8460	Survey of Applied Behavior Analysis	3
SPC_ED 8305	Ethics in Applied Behavior Analysis	3

Admissions

Deadlines

- First deadline: Due January 15th (For scholarships)
- Second deadline: Due March 30th (For practicum placements)
- Third deadline: June 30th (For admittance to the classes)

Required Application Materials

- Unofficial transcripts of all prior coursework
- Statement of Purpose
- Letters of recommendation (minimum 1 letter; confidential and sent through the online application system)

- Personal Data Sheet
- Official TOEFL scores (if applicable)

Confirmation Materials (required to finalize admission upon acceptance, sent to the Graduate School):

- Official transcripts
- Any additional required documentation

The Special Education graduate program cannot assure admission to all applicants who meet minimum standards specified for the degree program. Resource constraints do not permit the admission of all qualified applicants. An interview may be required by the admissions committee. Please feel free to submit any other materials that you feel would give a clearer picture of your qualifications. A committee of faculty reviews the credentials of each applicant. It is the responsibility of this committee to exercise professional judgment related to the criteria that applicants must meet in order to be considered for admission to the program.

Conditional acceptance

Conditional acceptance into the program is not provided for those students who wish to pursue English language training in the U.S. prior to starting their graduate studies. Applications submitted will be reviewed for admission into the program as per the criteria noted below.