Graduate Certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis

A 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. MU 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. The program is designed to meet eligibility requirements to sit for the Behavior Analyst Certification Board's (BACB) Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) exam.

In this program, you will learn the conceptual foundations of ABA and methods to apply these behavioral principles to improve behavior. Central to this program is a collaboration with the MU College of Education and the MU Thompson Center for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders. Partnerships with the College of Education incorporate interdisciplinary educational and training opportunities by professors from the School of Health Professions and the College of Education. The MU Thompson Center serves as the primary practicum site to prepare you for an exceptional experiential learning opportunity working with individuals with developmental needs.

Requirements

The 5th Edition Task list requirements include 21 hours of coursework (315 classroom hrs). Please note that we value in person face-to-face contact. Therefore, this is an on-campus program only.

The BACB has two experience categories: (a) supervised fieldwork (2000 hrs) and (b) concentrated supervised fieldwork (1500 hrs). Students in the graduate certificate program are not required but are encouraged to enroll in Practicum and complete their concentrated supervised fieldwork at the MU Thompson Center for a minimum of 6 credits. If they do not enroll in Practicum, the student is responsible for gaining the appropriate fieldwork experience if they wish to become a BCBA.

Additional Information

For additional information about the Graduate Certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis including a program description go to: https://gradstudies.missouri.edu/degreecategory/applied-behavior-analysis