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 our program, you’ll learn the conceptual foundations of ABA and how these behavioral principles are applied 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. Partnership with the College of Education allows for shared courses taught by professors from the School of Health Professions and the College of Education, and the MU Thompson Center serves as the primary practicum site to give you an exceptional experiential learning opportunity working with individuals with developmental needs.

Requirements

Please note that we plan to update our coursework to meet the 5th Edition Task list requirements to be implemented in 2019. This would include 21 hours of coursework (315 classroom hrs).

The coursework will meet the requirements of the BACB’s Fourth Edition Task List and will require 18 credits (270 classroom hrs) of graduate-level instruction.

The course sequence can be completed in as short as one year although it can be completed over a longer period of time. Please note that we value face-to-face contact. Therefore, this is an on-campus program only.

In addition to the coursework requirement, you will need to meet experience standards. The BACB has three experience categories: (a) supervised independent fieldwork (1500 hrs), (b) practicum (1000 hrs), or (c) intensive practicum (750 hrs). Students in the graduate certificate program will be required to complete independent fieldwork, practicum, or intensive practicum for credit (6 credits) under the supervision of a BCBA. Depending on which university-based experience category the student chooses, the student will complete the experience requirement in 25 to 150 weeks (a portion of this may be concurrent with coursework).

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

Federal Gainful Employment disclosure information for this Graduate Certificate is available at https://gradstudies.missouri.edu/fged/51.2212-Gedt-ABA.html.