MS in Applied Behavior Analysis

The Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) program will train you to be an exceptional behavior analyst who has the skills 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. Central to this program is a collaboration with the MU Thompson Center for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders (https://thompsoncenter.missouri.edu), which serves as the primary practicum site to give you an exceptional experiential learning opportunity working with individuals with developmental needs. We place a heavy emphasis on face-to-face contact.

Degree Requirements

A minimum of 39 semester credit hours must be completed in fulfillment of degree requirements. Completion of this degree includes completion of a Thesis/Capstone. In addition to the coursework requirement, you will need to meet experience standards (http://bacb.com/page/69). 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 Master’s program will be required to complete intensive practicum at the MU Thompson Center for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders for credit (6 credits) under the supervision of a BCBA.

Sample Plan of Study

The course sequence can be completed in two years on campus. The following is a sample program:

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