

# Applied Behavior Analysis

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The Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) program is designed to address the state-wide and national shortage of health care providers by training practitioners to affect meaningful change. ABA is a discipline that relies upon evidenced-based behavioral interventions to improve socially significant behaviors. It has been used as an intervention to improve the quality of life for a variety of populations including, but limited to, individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). The goal of our master's program is to become a leading, accredited professional program that will train highly-skilled Behavior Analysts who apply behavioral science to address the behavioral challenges of individuals in need.

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. 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.

## Faculty

**Assistant Teaching Professor:** W. Dotson\*

- \* Graduate Faculty Member - membership is required to teach graduate-level courses, chair master's thesis committees, and serve on doctoral examination and dissertation committees.
- \*\* Doctoral Faculty Member - membership is required to chair doctoral examination or dissertation committees. Graduate faculty membership is a prerequisite for Doctoral faculty membership.

## Undergraduate

Currently MU does not offer undergraduate degrees specifically in Applied Behavior Analysis. The University does offer an undergraduate course (SPC\_ED 3100 Applied Behavior Analysis and Autism) which prepares students to complete the required 40 hr content for the Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) certification. Additional baccalaureate opportunities are available in a number of related areas in the other Schools and Colleges at the University. The catalog provides a complete list of these degree options (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/degreesanddegreeprograms/>).

## Graduate

- MS in Applied Behavior Analysis (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofeducation/appliedbehavioranalysis/ms-applied-behavior-analysis/>)
- Graduate Certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofeducation/appliedbehavioranalysis/grad-cert-applied-behavior-analysis/>)

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