

APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS (M.S.)

The Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis trains practitioners extensively in applied behavior analysis with a focus on treating autism.

Recent Michigan legislation mandates insurance companies to cover therapeutic services for autistic persons by BCBA credentialed treatment providers. To earn a BCBA credential, a master's degree in psychology, education/special education, or applied behavior analysis is required, plus a specific sequence of 6 classes (22 credit hours total) and 5 field experiences/practica (10 credits total) across three semesters as described below. Our course sequence has received full approval by the Behavior Analytic Certification Board (BACB). Either way, this set of courses that will meet the requirements for students to sit for the BCBA exam. Students who successfully complete the courses are eligible to sit for the BCBA examination, which, upon passing, would lead to the BCBA credential.

Students enter the program as a cohort and must take their classes in sequence together as outlined by the program—it is a block scheduled program with no variations permitted. The cohort model includes a combination of supported and independent learning through classroom based and practiced-based hands-on learning. Cohort-mates work collaboratively throughout their training. Thus, all classes in the BCBA course sequence are live, classroom-based courses. Online and hybrid classes are not available for the courses in this sequence. Although some students find the online and hybrid courses convenient, the interactive learning environment and the hands-on learning activities offered in the BCBA course sequence classes at Wayne State University will help students take their learning experiences into the workplace for a more seamless crossover between classroom and field placement activities. This instills a sense of professional community not only during the program, but as students move into the field as practitioners. Our program emphasizes the importance of intensive learning while in the program as well as the need for collaborative lifelong learning. Our cohorts begin each fall and primarily run during the day. Most classes are typically taught at the Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills.

Admission Requirements

Admission to this program is contingent upon admission to the Graduate School (<http://bulletins.wayne.edu/graduate/general-information/admission/>). A 2.75 minimum GPA is required for consideration for the program. Applicants apply both online to Graduate Admissions and directly to the program. Additionally, applicants must provide three letters of recommendation, complete a program area application including a professional essay, and attend a personal interview.

There are a total of 40 credits for full program completion. Students are required to complete each semester sequentially, with full-time enrollment. Transfer credits are not accepted into this program.

Code	Title	Credits
EDP 5450	Child Psychology	3
EDP 7610	Child and Adolescent Psychopathology	3
EER 7610	Evaluation and Measurement	2
EDP 7101	Foundations of Applied Behavior Analysis	4
EDP 7102	Assessment Techniques in Applied Behavior Analysis	4
EDP 7103	Applied Behavior Analysis Treatment Planning	4
EDP 7104	Research Methods in Applied Behavior Analysis	3
EDP 7105	Ethical Practice in Applied Behavior Analysis	3

EDP 7111	Advanced Applied Behavior Analysis Treatment Planning	4
EDP 7106	Field Experience in Applied Behavior Analysis I	2
EDP 7107	Field Experience in Applied Behavior Analysis II	2
EDP 7108	Field Experience in Applied Behavior Analysis III	2
EDP 7109	Field Experience in Applied Behavior Analysis IV	2
EDP 7110	Field Experience in Applied Behavior Analysis V	2
Total Credits		40

All course work must be completed in accordance with the academic procedures of the College of Education (<http://bulletins.wayne.edu/graduate/college-education/academic-regulations/>) and the Graduate School's (<http://bulletins.wayne.edu/graduate/general-information/degree-certificate-requirements/>) regulations governing graduate scholarship and degrees.