

Individuals pursuing the Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) option will take the BACB® 4th Edition approved course sequence. The course sequence may be taken via one of three service delivery options: 1) On Campus (in-person); 2) WWW (online); or 3) Hybrid (combination of in-person & online). Please discuss the best option for you with your program advisor. Individuals seeking this option must also obtain 1,500 supervised field experience hours. The field experience must be approved by the program committee and supervision must come from a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) approved by the program committee. The combination of coursework and supervised field experience allows the candidate to apply to take the BCBA® examination. The coursework also allows the candidate to obtain certification with the Comprehensive Application of Behavior Analysis to School (CABAS©). We are the only program in the state and one of the few in the country to offer both certification options. Upon obtaining the BCBA® credential the candidate may then apply to become a Licensed Behavior Analyst.

The nexus of our ABA program options is using the the applied science of the behavior of the individual as the basis of a science of individualized instruction. Thus, our ABA program option focuses on building academic, social and verbal behavior repertoires, cusps, capabilities of the individual. We emphasize the principles, strategies, and tactics of the science are central to: 1) effective pedagogy, 2) competent classroom management, and 3) sophisticated curriculum design/implementation.

The concepts, practices, and analytic strategies of the science provide the novice or experienced teacher with the means to provide those educational outcomes for students and the community that are necessary for the well being of the student and society. Those who have mastered the content and applied it to practice with their students have made significant contributions to the welfare of their students contributions that would have not been possible without the tools and strategies of the science.

Please note: Those individuals seeking the ABA option who are currently holding a valid master's degree in an approved related discipline need only to take the approved course sequence + supervised practicum. Candidates without a master's degree must take the High Incidence Disabilities master's program coursework + the ABA approved course sequence + supervised practicum.