



Online Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis

Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) emphasizes the analysis and design of the environment to improve the performance of individuals as varied as children or adults with autism, parents of behaviorally challenging children, and the corporate executive attempting to maximize the productivity of their employees. Behavior analysts work in an array of settings such as classrooms, homes, mental health centers, residential clinics and schools, or organizations. The curriculum focuses on the use of behavioral assessment methodologies, empirically-driven measurement and analysis, and the selection and implementation of function-based treatment strategies that help individuals improve critical social and adaptive learning skills.

Shenandoah University's online Master of Science in ABA online program consists of 33 credit hours, including 21 credit hours that meets the BACB's 5th Edition coursework requirements, which includes six (6) credit hours of electives and six (6) credit hours for a capstone project. Students arrange their own supervision with recommendations from SU faculty. During the program, faculty intermittently meet with students to review their supervision progress.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Graduate Application for Admission along with a \$30 non-refundable application fee
- Bachelor's Degree (minimum 3.0 GPA)
- Undergraduate major in psychology, special education, speech pathology, or social work may be helpful, but is not required
- Unofficial transcripts for initial admission from all institutions of higher education previously attended
- Essay addressing the applicant's reason for applying to the Applied Behavior Analysis program, including what factors influenced the decision and how this program will help the individual to reach professional goals
- Three letters of recommendation written by professors, supervisors, or other persons engaged in the practice of Applied Behavior Analysis or other human services professions
- Language Proficiency Requirement must be met. Submission of TOEFL, IELTS, PTE, or Duolingo English Test may be required. See our policy for full details: <https://www.su.edu/admissions/international-students>

TRANSFER CREDITS

- A maximum of six semester hours of grades "A" or "B" only may be approved by the program director.

WHERE TO BEGIN

- Admissions: sugradadmissions@su.edu
- Program Director: Dr. Vicky Spencer at vspencer@su.edu
- Apply online now by visiting www.su.edu/abaapp.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The degree requirement is a minimum of 33 semester hours with a grade point average of 3.0 or better.

Courses		Credits
Fall I		
PSY 572	Legal, Ethical, and Professional Conduct in Applied Behavior Analysis	3
PSY 561	Foundations in Concepts and Principles of Behavior Analysis	3
<i>Elective</i>		3
Spring I		
PSY 562	Research Methods in Behavior Analysis	3
PSY 571	Special Populations and Applied Behavior Analysis	3
<i>Elective</i>		3
Summer I		
PSY 563	Classroom Management and Applied Behavior Analysis	3
PSY 580	The Organization Context for Applied Behavior Analysis (OBM)	3
PSY 550	Capstone Research Proposal	2
Fall 2		
PSY 565	Advanced Concepts and Principles of Applied Behavior Analysis	3
PSY 564	Advanced Applied Behavior Analysis: Capstone Project	4
Total		33