

Graduate Programs in Applied Behavior Analysis



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**ONLINE
PROGRAMS**

Applied Behavior Analysis emphasizes the analysis and design of the environment to improve the performance of individuals as varied as children or adults with autism or intellectual and developmental disorders, parents of children with challenging behaviors, and the corporate executive attempting to maximize employee productivity. Behavior analysts work in an array of settings, such as classrooms, homes, mental health centers, residential facilities, businesses, athletic programs and schools.

Online Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis

In Shenandoah's four-semester online **Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis (MS ABA) program**, you will learn from ABA faculty who are passionate about teaching. The program is especially accommodating of professionals who are employed full or part time, and is designed to develop the knowledge, skills and ethical standards necessary to practice competently in these settings.

Shenandoah's MS ABA program consists of 33 credit hours, including 21 credit hours of required coursework, six credit hours of electives, and six 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.

The Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI)-verified course sequence fulfills the academic requirement to sit for the 5th Edition Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) certification. Shenandoah's ABA program is also certified by the International Behavior Analyst Organization (IBAO), which allows international students to complete the academic requirements to sit for the IBAO's certification exam. Each of the courses include both synchronous and asynchronous classes, ensuring that students will get to know their instructors and their peers.

Online Graduate Certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis

The Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) graduate certificate is an online, 21-credit, seven-course sequence designed for people who seek advanced knowledge in the ABA field. The program is specifically designed for individuals with a master's degree or currently enrolled in a master's degree program.

The ABAI-verified course sequence fulfills the academic requirement to sit for the 5th Edition BCBA certification examination,

with an online format to accommodate the schedules of working professionals seeking quality instruction and preparation. Shenandoah's ABA program is also certified by the International Behavior Analyst Organization (IBAO), which allows international students to complete the academic requirements to sit for the IBAO's certification exam. Each of the courses include both synchronous and asynchronous classes.





Key Features

- **Designed to accommodate individuals who are employed** full or part time
- **Fully online program** with classes meeting both synchronously and asynchronously
- Our curricula are **designed to meet the BCBA's 5th Edition** coursework requirements, which went into effect January 2022
- **\$50,000 – \$100,000** starting salary range for BCBA's
- **Nationally and regionally renowned** faculty mentors
- **BCBA career options include**, but are not limited to: ABA therapist, researcher, health coach, social worker, human resource consultant, or nonprofit sector work designing behavioral programs

Possible Careers in Applied Behavior Analysis:

Counselors in public schools, colleges, hospitals, clinics or residential programs, and who work with children, adults, individuals with disabilities, low-income families and people struggling with addictive behaviors.

Psychological Assistants working with licensed psychologists in research, counseling or clinical tasks.

Special Education Behavioral Specialists working in public schools, private schools or residential facilities.

Board-Certified Independent Practitioners working with individuals to identify behaviors, create behavior plans, manage assertive and crisis behaviors and conduct individual assessments.

Clinical Behavior Analysts working closely with clinical social workers to provide behavioral management services, interventions and management in education, health care and social work sectors.

Organizational Behavior Management (OBM) Specialists working as consultants or in human resources departments where they typically interact closely with management and decision-makers in the business to analyze and offer advice on improving employee performance and efficiency.

Behavioral Coaches working as consultants in sports and athletic programs to teach and reinforce skills used in training and competition. The principles of ABA are used to improve athlete training, enforce a healthy diet and regular exercise program, and to boost the performance of particular athletic skills, such as maintaining proper body form.

Animal Behavior Consultants and Trainers working with pets to improve the animal's behavior, and teaching owners how to maintain their pet's behavior over time.

“At Shenandoah, faculty will know you by name, and you will receive the encouragement and support you seek to achieve your goals and plan for the future. Even though we are fully online, this doesn't change! Students have access to faculty and get to know their peers.”

– Vicky Spencer, Ph.D., BCBA-D
Director of Applied Behavior Analysis Program

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