



Master of Education • Post-master's Certificate

Autism/Behavior Analyst

MEd: 38 credits, 6 terms • Post-master's certificate: 19 credits

BCBA course sequence approved by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board. • This degree program is for national certification and is not applicable for initial licensure.

Program Description — Autism is becoming more prevalent in our society and the need for specialists dedicated to serving this population is growing rapidly. This program provides knowledge of the autism spectrum and the skills necessary to meet the needs of individuals with autism. By completing the Behavior Analyst program, students meet the course requirements to sit for the BCBA examination, earning a credential that is in high demand.

Learning Outcomes — Students will demonstrate knowledge of applied behavior analysis (ABA) and associated scientific principles that govern human behavior and the treatment of individuals with autism spectrum disorders (ASD). Students will demonstrate knowledge of clinical, educational and ethical issues pertaining to the application of ABA across a broad range of treatment contexts and behaviors.

Careers — Graduates, who also complete the supervised fieldwork requirements and successfully pass the BCBA exam, will be able to work in a wide range of educational and clinical treatment settings as a Board Certified Behavior Analyst.

Admission requirements: Bachelor's degree or higher and other general requirements (see Admission). In addition, a master's degree in behavior analysis, education, or psychology is required for the BCBA Certificate.

Professional work experience: Current employment in a BCBA-related setting is required for the field experiences specific to the BCBA Certificate. This includes having a BCBA certified professional supervise work during this period.

Licensure: Massachusetts does not grant teaching licensure in this area.

Student responsibility: Enrollment in the BCBA course sequence requires a high level of professional acumen and decorum. It is assumed that all enrolled understand that requirements align with national expectations established by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board. Supervision and field experiences are essential to the program completion, with all requirements specific to the national standards established by the Board at the time of application for the BCBA certification.

Program and course schedule subject to change.

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Autism & Special Education Courses 19 credits

- All courses 3 credits except as noted.
- This course sequence is strongly recommended.

		Fall Entry	Spring Entry
ESP610	Autism: History, Prevalence, Diagnosis & Characteristics	Fall 1 . . .	Spring 1
ESP621	Assessment & Appraisal Process (ASD)	Spring 1 . . .	Spring 2
ESP630	Social & Psychological Perspectives in Autism Spectrum Disorders	Summer 1 . .	Summer 1
ESP615	Assistive Technology: Modifying Curric for Diverse Learning Styles	Fall 2 . . .	Spring 2
ESP594	Collab & Consultation Technq (2 credits)	Fall 2	Fall 1
ESP800B	Supervised Learning Project (2 credits)	Spring 2	Fall 2
ESP616	Communication Disorders (ASD) . .	Summer 2	Fall 2

BCBA Course Sequence / Certificate 19 credits



- Courses may be taken alone as a post-master's certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis.
- All courses @ 45 contact hours.
- Courses **must** be taken in the order delineated here.

		Fall Entry	Spring Entry
ESP622	Basic Applied Behavior Analysis (ASD) . .	Fall 1 . . .	Spring 1
ESP726	Advanced Applied Behavior Analysis (ASD)	Spring 1 . .	Summer 1
ESP704	Ethics & Professionalism in Applied Behavior Analysis	Summer 1 . .	Summer 2
ESP724	Research Design in Applied Behavior Analysis - ASD	Fall 2	Fall 1
ESP722	Clinical Applications of Applied Behavior Analysis (ASD)	Spring 2 . . .	Spring 2
ESP705*	Applied Behavior Analysis Fluency Seminar (1 credit) required at end of program	Spring 2	Fall 2
ESP723	Implementing Behavior Analysis in Educational Settings (ASD)	Summer 2 . .	Summer 2

*ESP705 is completed over two terms, with credit applied in the second term of enrollment for course completion.

(All courses @ 3 credits except as noted.)