

MASTER OF SCIENCE

SPECIAL EDUCATION

ADVANCED STUDIES APPLIED

BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS (ABA)



Program Description

The Behavior Analyst Certification Board has approved two course sequences and an Intensive Practicum at MSU Billings. The approved course sequence and intensive practicum has been embedded in the Master of Science in Special Education Advanced Studies Applied Behavior Analysis plan of study. In addition, students with a qualifying undergraduate degree who complete post-bacc BCaBA courses and supervision can apply for the **Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst** exam. Students who possess a qualifying Master's degree along with necessary courses and supervision can apply for the **Board Certified Behavior Analyst** exam. Students are encouraged to contact www.bacb.com directly to determine eligibility.

Is the Study of Applied Behavior Analysis Right for me?

Quality of Life: If you're interested in helping people achieve a well balanced lifestyle to the maximum extent possible, then ABA is for you.

Science and Art: If you want to learn how to use techniques grounded in behavioral principles, such as positive reinforcement and precision teaching, ABA is for you.

Admission Criteria

1. Undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0
2. Graduate GPA of at least 3.0
3. Standardized graduate admission test (GRE)
4. Cleared Federal Criminal Background Check

Admission Procedure

1. Complete Graduate Student Application
2. Submit Official Transcripts
3. Payment of Nonrefundable \$40 Application Fee
4. Submit Admission Test Scores – GRE



Total minimum credits required for degree: **39**

Online? **All courses are offered online.**

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Financial Aid, Scholarships, and Assistantships

Graduate students who wish to apply for financial assistance must be enrolled in a graduate program for at least 6 credits for half-time aid or 9 credits for full-time aid. Non-degree graduate students are not eligible for financial aid. To apply for financial aid, a student must complete the (FAFSA) application. March 1 is the priority deadline. There are loans, graduate assistantships, partial tuition credits, and scholarships available. Please see our website for further information: www.msubillings.edu/grad/

Campus Tuition

Course Credit	Resident	Non-Resident
3	1,011.92	2,606.78
6	1,768.54	4,985.26
9	2,718.36	7,502.94
12 & Up	3,435.48	9,814.92

Tuition is subject to change by the Board of Regents of Higher Education.

WICHE eligible! If you live in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, New Mexico, Nevada, North Dakota, South Dakota, Oregon, Utah, Washington, or Wyoming you can attend for resident tuition rates.

Careers: What can you do with a degree in Applied Behavior Analysis?

- Behavior Analyst
- Training Coordinator
- Special Education Teacher
- Behavior Consultant
- In-home Program Coordinator
- Program Supervisor & Early Childhood
- Intervention Specialist for Children with Autism
- Foster Parent Consultant
- Forensic Behavior Analyst

Many of our recent graduates responded to a Graduate Data survey taken 9 months after graduation. Of the 18 graduates who did respond to the survey, 16 or 89% are employed in their field. They reported an average salary of \$48,530.

Contact Us

Please contact the Office of Graduate Studies for information about programs, admission requirements, application forms, graduate assistantships, and other scholarship information. We look forward to visiting with you.

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Program Structure

I. Professional Core (6 credits)	Credits
SPED 502 Research in Special Programs***	3
EDF 530 Advanced Human Development and Learning.....	3
II. Professional Specialization (18 credits)	
SPED 515 Ethics in Education and Human Services***	3
SPED 586 Conceptual issues in Radical Behaviorism	3
SPED 551 Assessment & Program Planning for Special Populations**	3
SPED 574 Data-Based Instruction**	3
SPED 520 Applied Behavior Analysis**	3
SPED 580 Autism Spectrum Disorders Characteristics and Interventions***	3
OR	
SPED 550 Best Practices in Teaching Students with Emotional Disturbance***	3
III. Professional Practice Option (15 credits)	
SPED 590 Internship in ABA**	5
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SPED 590 Internship in ABA***	5
OR	
Thesis Option (9+ credits)	
Thesis	6+
Elective – Experimental Analysis of Behavior.....	3
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** Required for BCaBA ***Required for BCBA

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