

# Applied Behavior Analysis

## College of Education

The Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis (MS in ABA) is an on-campus only degree program that will train graduate students to provide behavioral consultation, support, and training to teachers, staff, parents, and individuals with challenging behaviors and/or intensive training needs.

The MS in ABA will provide opportunities for graduate students to work within schools\*, homes, and/or other facilities that house individuals with challenging behaviors. In addition, graduate students will be exposed to individuals from diverse ethnic, socioeconomic, cultural, and disability backgrounds.

The program at the University of Kentucky (UK) will focus on children and youth with challenging behaviors from 2 years of age through 21 years of age. In addition, our focus will be on children and youth identified with Emotional and/or Behavioral Disorder (e.g., Oppositional Defiant Disorder, Bipolar Disorder, Intermittent Explosive Disorder), Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Developmental Delay, Intellectual Disability, as well as other academic or mental health issues that affect the child's or youth's behavior.

The Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) has accepted courses within the MS in ABA program as an "approved course sequence." In addition, students in the MS in ABA program will receive required supervision within the practicum setting. The approved course sequence and practicum/supervision requirements will prepare completers of the MS in ABA to sit for the Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) examination. More information regarding the BCBA examination and requirements can be found at [www.bacb.com](http://www.bacb.com).

### Admission Requirements

1. Applicants must hold a Bachelor's Degree in psychology, education, special education, social work, communication disorder, or a closely related field.
2. Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.0 undergraduate grade point average or a minimum of 3.25 graduate grade point average.
3. Applicants must take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) and submit scores to the Graduate School; the Institution Code for the GRE for UK Graduate School is R1837. There are no specific GRE subtests required.
4. Applicants must secure three (3) letters of recommendations with one related to academic performance (e.g., from professor, advisor) and two related to the applicant's work with children and youth (e.g., from practicum supervisor, research supervisor).
5. Applicants must submit a writing sample of a scholarly paper (e.g., research paper, literature review completed in APA formatting).
6. Applicants must participate in an interview with program faculty.
7. Upon acceptance, applicants must satisfactorily pass a criminal background check (due to the nature of the work performed by behavior analysts).

### Graduate Courses

AEDS 601*	Applied Behavior Analysis	(3)
EDS 612*	Advanced Practicum: Special Education	(1)
EDS 614*	Professional Ethics for Behavior Analysts I	(1)

EDS 633*	Single Subject Research Design	(3)
EDS 660	Overview Of Characteristics And Instructional Strategies For Individuals With ASD	(3)
EDS 603*	Behavior Consultation in the Schools	(3)
EDS 612	Advanced Practicum: Special Education	(1)
EDS 615*	Professional Ethics for Behavior Analysts II	(1)
EDS 630*	Advanced Methods for Teaching Students with Disabilities	(3)
EDS 661	Advanced Instructional Strategies for Students with ASD	(3)
EDS 612	Advanced Practicum: Special Education	(1)
EDS 616*	Professional Ethics for Behavior Analysts III	(1)
EDS 605	Practical Applications of Applied Behavior Analysis	(3)
EDS 612*	Advanced Practicum: Special Education	(1)
EPE 557	Gathering, Analyzing, And Using Educational Data	(3)
EDS 748	Master's Thesis Research	