

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-SAN ANTONIO

Applied Behavior Analysis

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What is Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA)?

Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) is a science of learning and behavior and is used to help people achieve meaningful change in their lives. ABA involves teaching behaviors essential to function effectively in the home, school, and community

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Is this program only for Undergraduate Students or is there a program for Graduate Students as well?

No, in this program students can pursue coursework for both undergraduate and graduate degrees. Undergraduates could earn a Bachelor of Science in ABA with choices of minors in Special Education, Child Development, or Psychology, and they may continue the program and pursue their Master of Science in ABA with opportunities to minor in autism spectrum disorder or Special Education.

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Am I able to complete my supervised fieldwork experience at my current job?

If you are currently working at a place where you utilize ABA, you can complete your supervised fieldwork experience hours there. When you enroll in ABA 4310

Practicum in ABA or ABA 5310 Practicum and Research in ABA, you will receive supervision from an A&M-SA faculty member. To maximize the number of hours you can accumulate per week, we encourage students to have a BCBA at their place of work that is also providing supervision. The ABA program offers practicum sites that already have an agreement to provide such supervision.

Supervision can occur in person and remotely. As such, students who are working outside of the San Antonio area, can still receive supervision from A&M-SA faculty through the ABA 4310 Practicum in ABA and ABA5310 Practicum and Research in ABA courses. A minimum of 6 hours of the abovementioned courses must be taken to complete the degree plan in ABA. If needed, students can take an additional 6 hours to continue to receive supervision.

For more answers to frequently asked question on supervised experience requirements, please visit:

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Can anyone enroll in the practicum courses in ABA?

Only students in the ABA program can enroll in ABA 4310 Practicum in ABA and ABA5310 Practicum and Research in ABA.

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Where do I go to apply for this program?

As an undergraduate student you will need to apply at APPLYTexas for admission to the program with Texas A&M University-San Antonio. Graduate students need to apply through GRADCAS and submit all required documents.

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As a graduate student, what prerequisites are required for admission to this program?

In order to be admitted into the program, you must apply on GRADCAS and follow the appropriate steps necessary steps. For more information, please visit the Office of Research and Graduate Studies webpage, or email graduateadmissions@tamusa.edu

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Am I required to have a minor?

No, students do not have to have a minor. Students can choose 18 SCHs hours from a prescribed list of electives (see degree plan). Or, students can choose from a minor in special education, child development, or psychology.



As a graduate student, do I need to have a degree in a specific field, such as Special Education, to be accepted into the MS in ABA program?

A degree in a specific field is not required to be accepted into the MS in ABA program. However, students that do not have a background in ABA, psychology, or special education are encouraged to take ABA3301 Introduction to ABA and ABA3302 Introduction to Research Methods in ABA before starting the MS in ABA program to be better prepared for the graduate coursework in ABA.

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If I do not meet the GPA requirements for admission into the graduate program (i.e., 3.0 or higher in the last 60 hours), can I still apply to the program? ?

Students who do not meet the GPA requirement, can still apply for admission through the graduate school. Students are allowed to enroll in the first 2 ABA courses (i.e., ABA5301 Concepts and Principals in and ABA 5302 Research Methods in ABA) without being admitted into the program. Students who complete these 2 courses with a B or higher, will be accepted into the ABA program the following semester

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As a graduate student, what prerequisites are required for admission to this program?

Please visit the Office of Admissions website for admission requirements, application deadlines, and application process.

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How do I apply for admission to the program?

Apply to the graduate program through GRADCAS. For more information, please visit the Office of Admission or

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How may I obtain a master's level ABA practitioner or Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCaBA)?

This handbook attached describes the requirements for obtaining and maintaining BCaBA certification, including the eligibility requirements that went into effect on January 1, 2022. Applicants and certificants must comply with the requirements outlined in this handbook

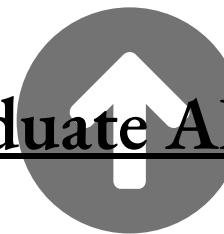


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Am I required to have a concentration?

Yes, students in the MS in ABA program will choose a concentration in either Autism Spectrum Disorders or Special Education.

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What are the modes of instruction available to complete this program?

Students can apply for the ABA program either as a hybrid instruction or 100% online. Hybrid instruction will consist of courses in-person and synchronous online. Students who choose the 100% online option, will participate in the same courses as the students in the hybrid program but will participate synchronously during in-person instruction.

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How do I become a bachelor's level ABA practitioner or Board Certified assistant Behavior Analysts (BCaBA)?

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