

# APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS MS

Saint Joseph's University's online MS in Applied Behavior Analysis is designed for individuals with a background in education or the social sciences who are interested in becoming Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBA) (<https://www.bacb.com/bcba/>). However, anyone with an interest in learning about positive behavioral interventions and support can also benefit from this program.

## Program mission:

The Graduate Program in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) at Saint Joseph's University is dedicated to excellence in education, research, and practice, with a strong commitment to inclusive education. Our mission is to develop highly skilled and ethical behavior analysts who are prepared to make meaningful contributions to the field and to enhance the quality of life for individuals across diverse settings.

## Program objectives:

- **Deliver Comprehensive Education:** Provide a comprehensive curriculum grounded in the principles and methodologies of applied behavior analysis, ensuring that graduates are equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to implement effective, evidence-based interventions.
- **Champion Inclusivity:** Emphasize the importance of inclusive education, training our students to create and support learning environments that accommodate and celebrate the diversity of all learners, including those with unique needs and abilities.
- **Support Ethical Practice:** Instill a deep understanding of and commitment to the ethical standards of the profession, ensuring that our graduates uphold the highest levels of integrity, respect, and professionalism in their practice.
- **Promote Research and Innovation:** Encourage a culture of inquiry and innovation by engaging students in research activities that advance the field of behavior analysis and contribute to the development of new, effective practices in inclusive education.
- **Facilitate Interdisciplinary Collaboration:** Prepare graduates to work collaboratively with educators, families, and other professionals to create person-centered plans that promote the success and well-being of individuals in various contexts.
- **Encourage Lifelong Professional Development:** Encourage ongoing professional growth and development through continued education, involvement in professional organizations, and commitment to staying current with advancements in the field.

## Requirements

The following curriculum outline is based on the verified course sequence for the 6th edition task list of the BACB for Applied Behavior Analysis programs. ABA 601-608 are the eight required courses for the BACB.

Code	Title	Hours
ABA 601	Concepts & Prin of Behav Analys	3
ABA 602	Ethics & Prof in Behav Analys	3
ABA 603	Measuring Eval Behav Change	3
ABA 604	Behavior Assessment	3
ABA 605	Behavior Change Procedures	3

ABA 606	Collab, Superv, & Mgmt in BA	3
ABA 607	Science and Philosophy of BA	3
ABA 608	Capstone: Applied Behav Analys	3
<b>Electives:</b>		<b>6-7</b>
SPE 600	Found & Current Issues w/Field	
SPE 604	Research:Lit,Writ,Lang w/Field	
SPE 607	ThryInstrPractStdntsw/LowIncid	
SPE 608	Families Schls & Cmnty w/Field	
SPE 613	Incl. Class Practices w/Field	
SPE 622	Admin & Supv:Spec Ed Progs	
SPE 630	Design&Tech Differentiated Ins	
SPE 700	SpecialEducation Law/Policy	
SPE 701	Cog Proc: Resrch Brain Studies	
SPE 702	Culturally Responsive Teaching	
SPE 720	Intro ASD: Caus Diag & Advoc	
SPE 722	Evid Based Prac: AI&I Method	
SPE 730	Ed Found - Deaf & Hard of Hear	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>30-31</b>

## Typical Course Sequence

Course	Title	Hours
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
ABA 601	Concepts & Prin of Behav Analys	3
ABA 602	Ethics & Prof in Behav Analys	3
		<b>Hours</b>
		<b>6</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
ABA 603	Measuring Eval Behav Change	3
ABA 604	Behavior Assessment	3
ABA Program Elective #1	Electives can be taken any semester the course is offered	3
		<b>Hours</b>
		<b>9</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
ABA 605	Behavior Change Procedures	3
ABA 606	Collab, Superv, & Mgmt in BA	3
		<b>Hours</b>
		<b>6</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
ABA 607	Science and Philosophy of BA	3
ABA 608	Capstone: Applied Behav Analys	3
ABA Program Elective #2	Electives can be taken any semester the course is offered	3
		<b>Hours</b>
		<b>9</b>
		<b>Total Hours</b>
		<b>30</b>

ABA Program Electives can be taken any semester the class is offered. They are displayed under First-Year Spring and Second-Year Spring for illustrative purposes.