

# Graduate Certificate: Applied Behavior Analysis

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## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Learn more about the graduate certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis.

### About the Certificate

The graduate certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis trains students to apply the principles of learning and behavior to influence behavior change that is significant to society. Students learn how to systematically change behavior by analyzing related environmental variables and applying interventions based on the principles of behavior science. Behavior analysts have improved a wide range of everyday issues, including enhancing staff performance, improving public safety initiatives, teaching effective parenting skills, treating problem behavior in children, improving general and special education teaching strategies, rehabilitating individuals who abuse substances and more.

**Time Limit for Certificate Completion:** 2 years

**Campus Location:** Main campus with option to take some courses in virtual format.

**Full-Time/Part-Time Status:** The graduate certificate can be completed on a part-time basis. NOTE: International students may not be eligible to apply for a student visa based on admission to the certificate program. Please contact the Office of Enrollment Management for more information.

**Accreditation:** The certificate program includes a seven-course sequence approved by the Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI).

**Job Prospects:** Graduates are prepared for professional careers in a variety of environments, particularly in social service agencies and educational institutions.

**Licensure/Certification:** Coursework may apply toward earning the Behavior Specialist license from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

### Admission Requirements and Deadlines

#### Application Deadline:

Applications are accepted for the Fall and Spring terms and are reviewed on a rolling basis.

*APPLY ONLINE to this certificate program.*

#### Letters of Reference:

*Number Required: 2*

*From Whom:* Letters of recommendation should be obtained to provide insight regarding the applicant's academic competence. References from college/university faculty are recommended.

**Bachelor's Degree in Discipline/Related Discipline:** A bachelor's degree is required. A minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0 is expected.

**Transcripts:** Official undergraduate and graduate transcripts from all accredited institutions attended and/or from which credit was earned must be submitted.

International applicants must also submit an official document, including a course-by-course evaluation conducted by a NACES-accredited organization, that validates completion and conferral of a degree, diploma and/or certificate. While not required, international applicants are encouraged to submit transcript(s) to World Education Services (WES) for evaluation.

**Statement of Goals:** Outline your interest in seeking a graduate certificate with a specific focus on the career to which you aspire, your interests, and your academic and job-related experiences that are relevant to the program.

#### Standardized Test Scores:

Applicants who earned their baccalaureate degree from an institution where the language of instruction was other than English, with the exception of those who subsequently earned a master's degree at a U.S. institution, must report scores for a standardized test of English that meet these minimums:

- TOEFL iBT: 79
- IELTS Academic: 6.5
- PTE Academic: 53

**Resume:** Current resume required.

### Certificate Requirements

*Number of Credits Required to Complete the Certificate: 21<sup>1</sup>*

*Required Courses:*

| Code                      | Title  | Credit Hours |
|---------------------------|--|--------------|
| ABA 5302                  | Effective Teaching Strategies and Academic Interventions | 3            |
| ABA 5303                  | Ethical and Legal Issues                                 | 3            |
| ABA 5304                  | Concepts and Principles of Behavior Analysis             | 3            |
| ABA 5305                  | Single Subject Research Design                           | 3            |
| ABA 5306                  | Organizational Behavior Management - OBM                 | 3            |
| ABA 5676                  | Applied Behavior Analysis                                | 3            |
| ABA 8787                  | Seminar on Verbal Behavior                               | 3            |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b> |  | <b>21</b>    |

<sup>1</sup> Students who choose to matriculate into the MEd program may transfer up to 12 credits from either this certificate or the Autism Endorsement graduate certificate upon acceptance into the MEd program. Completion of a certificate program does not guarantee admission into the master's program. Students considering matriculating into a master's program are encouraged to apply as early as possible.

**GPA Required to be Awarded the Certificate:** 3.0 minimum

## Contacts

### Certificate Program Web Address:

<https://www.temple.edu/academics/degree-programs/applied-behavior-analysis-certificate-graduate-ed-aba-grad>

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### Submission Address for Application Materials:

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