Applied Behavior Analysis (Graduate Certificate)

Prepare to support and advocate for individuals with diverse learning and behavioral needs. Coursework is verified by the Association for Behavior Analysis International for students interested in sitting for the Board Certified Behavior Analyst® exam.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: Certificate Applied Behavior Analysis (Certificate)
The graduate certificate program in applied behavior analysis pairs research and experience to prepare professionals to work with individuals with diverse learning and behavior needs using the principles of applied behavior analysis.

Applied projects and assignments allow students to focus on the population with which they plan to work, while gaining the knowledge and skills they need in order to use applied behavior analysis across various populations and settings.

Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College offers university coursework verified by the Association for Behavior Analysis International as meeting academic requirements for eligibility to sit for the Behavior Analyst Certification Board® Board Certified Behavior Analyst® examination. Once certified, these professionals are equipped to meet diverse behavior needs and make a lasting difference in the community. The course sequence meets the Behavior Analyst Certification Board-required 315 classroom hours of graduate-level instruction aligned with the BCBA/BCaBA task list (fifth edition). BCBA supervised independent fieldwork supervision hours, required for certification, are arranged and completed by the student separately from their ASU coursework. An optional remote BCBA supervised independent fieldwork practicum (SPE 580 Applied Behavior Analysis Practicum) is available.

Students seeking the master's degree as well as the verified university coursework to qualify to sit for the BCBA® exam should apply to the MA program in special education with a concentration in applied behavior analysis.
At a Glance

- **College/School:** Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College
- **Location:** Online

Degree Requirements

21 credit hours

**Required Core (21 credit hours)**
- SPE 525 Measurement, Data Display, Interpretation and Experimental Design (3)
- SPE 526 Concepts and Principles of Applied Behavior Analysis (3)
- SPE 527 Behavior Analytic Assessment (3)
- SPE 560 Behavior Change Procedures: Implementing Interventions in Behavior Analysis (3)
- SPE 562 Personnel Supervision and Organizational Behavior Management in Educational Settings (3)
- SPE 563 Philosophical Foundations of Applied Behavior Analysis in Educational Settings (3)
- SPE 567 Ethics of Applied Behavior Analysis (3)

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree in any field from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or they must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. personal statement describing the applicant's interests and reason for seeking this degree
4. resume
5. proof of English proficiency
Additional Application Information
An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of their current residency.

GRE scores are not required for admission.

Tuition Information
When it comes to paying for college, everyone’s situation is different. Students can learn about ASU tuition and financial aid options to find out which will work best for them.

Attend Online

ASU Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program’s ASU Online page for program descriptions and to request more information.

Career Opportunities

Professionals with expertise in evidence-based practices in applied behavioral analysis are in high demand across sectors and industries, including education, business and health care.

Career examples include:

- applied behavioral analysis therapist
- behavior specialist
- Board Certified Behavior Analyst®
- behavior consultant
- early interventionist
- educator
- organizational behavior management specialist

Professional Licensure

ASU programs that may lead to professional licensure or certification are intended to prepare students for potential licensure or certification in Arizona. Completion of an ASU program may not meet educational requirements for licensure or certification in another state. For more information, students should visit the ASU professional licensure webpage.

Contact Information