

Certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis

Purpose of Program

The Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Certificate is designed to meet the needs of current and prospective students interested in developing proficiency in applied behavioral analysis. This certificate focuses on the perspective of educational psychology and special education from learning theory as it relates to applied behavior analysis.

Program Options

The ABA Certificate requires 15 credit hours (five graduate courses) and is aligned with BACB Requirements:

(ALL COURSES MUST BE TAKEN BY AN "APPROVED" PROFESSOR)

EDP 5003 Psychological Learning Theories

SPE 5503 Applied Behavior Analysis for Classroom Teachers

EDP 6263 Behavioral Assessment and Intervention (Prerequisite: EDP 5303 or equivalent)

EDP 6833 Practicum in School Psychology (taken twice)

or SPE 5793 Practicum in Special Education: Children and Youth with Disabilities **and**

SPE 5893 Practicum in Special Education: Individuals with Behavior Problems

Career Opportunities

The ABA Certificate develops job-specific skills in applied behavior analysis and specializes in the application of behavior support. It prepares students interested in becoming a Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst (BCaBA) or a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) in order to meet the growing needs of educators to provide students with specialized skills in the application of behavior analysis to support the social behavior needs of students.

Admission Requirements

- Baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution in Psychology, Sociology, Education, or related field.
- GPA of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in last 30 hrs of baccalaureate degree program and all previous graduate work.
- Be in good standing at the last institution attended.
- Two letters of recommendation.

How to Apply

Apply through the UTSA graduate school at: <http://www.utsa.edu/graduate>. Please attention all mail (transcripts, etc.) to:

University of Texas at San Antonio
Attn: The Graduate School
One UTSA Circle
San Antonio, TX 78249

Contact Information:

Application: Graduate School
graduatestudies@utsa.edu
210-458-4330
Website: <http://www.utsa.edu/graduate/>

Financial Aid: Financial Aid
210-458-8000 (general line)
210-458-7169 (appointments)
Website: <http://www.utsa.edu/financialaid/>

Financial Aid and Scholarships:

All students interested in financial aid should fill out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Assistance). The link to this site is: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

Students may also be interested in Graduate Assistantship positions available within the College. Typically, these assistantships are 19 hours per week.

Scholarships are also available to Graduate Students. Attached are links to scholarship databases:

http://www.graduateschool.utsa.edu/prospective_students/detail/financing_your_future/

<http://www.utsa.edu/scholarships/>

http://education.utsa.edu/current_students/scholarships