About the Program

Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) is a scientifically valid, systematic approach to behavior change that examines the variables that reliably influence socially important behaviors.

Salve Regina University’s new 36-credit master’s degree program in Applied Behavior Analysis incorporates the six Master’s-level courses and practicum experience required by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) to qualify to sit for the national certification exam. Elective courses allow students to select academic study in areas that fulfill personal and professional objectives. This curriculum has been reviewed and approved by the BACB.

The combination of coursework and practicum experience allows students to integrate theory and practice necessary to build strong behavior analytic skills in the field. Course work in areas such as ethics and professional conduct, measurement and data analysis, behavior change techniques, assessment and systems management prepare students for the national certification exam. Sites for practicum placements can be coordinated through the graduate program, or if sufficient supervision is available, students can complete practicum at their current job.

Graduates of the MA Applied Behavior Analysis degree program, who successfully complete BACB certification, are prepared for work in a variety of settings such as law enforcement and corrections, business, hospitals, and treatment centers. Applied Behavior Analysis is probably best known as a treatment for children with autism, and represents one of the fastest growing professional areas in psychology.

This curriculum has been approved by the BACB to meet the requirements for the Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) credential.

Courses are taught at Salve Regina University’s Center for Adult Education in Warwick, R.I. and our Newport, R.I. campus.
About Salve Regina
Salve Regina University is an independent, coeducational institution serving approximately 2,500 men and women from 35 states and 16 nations. Its 80-acre oceanfront campus is in the Ochre Point historic district of Newport, Rhode Island, and includes 48 new and adapted buildings. The University is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).

Admissions requirements
Salve Regina University evaluates the total application package. Individuals with a bachelor’s degree in any undergraduate major from a regionally accredited college or university (or an equivalent degree from an accredited institution outside of the United States) are qualified to apply.

To apply to the master’s program
You must submit the following supporting materials to the Office of Graduate Admissions:
- Completed graduate application form
- Official transcripts from all degree-granting institutions attended
- Personal statement
- Two professional letters of recommendation
- Non-refundable application fee
- Admission interviews will be arranged by the Director

Courses are offered on campus in Newport, R.I. and at our Center for Adult Education in Warwick, R.I.

Curriculum
(36 credits required)

Required courses: (6 courses, 18 credits)
PSY510: Applied Behavior Analysis: Ethics and Professional Conduct
PSY530: Applied Behavior Analysis: Measurement, Data Analysis and Research Design
PSY540: Applied Behavior Analysis: Behavior Change Techniques and Procedures
PSY550: Applied Behavior Analysis: Behavioral Assessment
+ 1,500 hours of supervision or 6 credits of PSY570

Students also choose six of the following: (18 credits)
PSY511: History of Behaviorism
PSY513: Educational Psychology
PSY521: Health Psychology
PSY523: Autism spectrum and other Developmental Disabilities
PSY525: Abnormal Psychology
PSY533: Organizational Behavior Management
PSY551: Critical Thinking and Decision Making in Psychology
PSY570: Applied Behavior Analysis: Intensive Practicum
PSY580: Applied Behavior Analysis: Individual Research
RHB508: Developmental Issues in Counseling
RHB513: Systems Theory and Family Therapy
RHB520: Practicum and Seminar I (Motivational Interviewing)
RHB523: Cultural and Psychosocial Aspects of Disability
RHB540: Medical and Psychological Aspects of Disability
HLC505: Interpersonal Helping Skills

CAGS: Applied Behavior Analysis
The CAGS in Applied Behavior Analysis provides further graduate education to students who have completed a master’s degree in a related program and are interested in seeking national certification as an Applied Behavior Analyst. The CAGS in Applied Behavior Analysis requires a minimum of 18 classroom credit hours.

Required courses:
PSY510: Applied Behavior Analysis: Ethics and Professional Conduct
PSY530: Applied Behavior Analysis: Measurement, Data Analysis and Research Design
PSY540: Applied Behavior Analysis: Behavior Change Techniques and Procedures
PSY550: Applied Behavior Analysis: Behavioral Assessment
+ 1,500 hours of supervision or 6 credits of PSY570 to sit for the national certification exam.

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