



M.A. Applied Behavior Analysis



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Average Time to Completion:

2 years, full-time



Make a Difference in the Lives of Others

Every student completing the Applied Behavior Analysis graduate program at Salve Regina University will leave connected to our mission, will demonstrate a strong understanding of the science of behavior analysis, and will have the skills necessary to implement effective and ethical clinical services to populations who require help in the development of socially significant behavior change. Our goals are to:

- Train students to use the principles of behavior analysis along with behavior analytic research designs to conduct thorough assessments and implement effective and socially valid treatment with populations of need.
- Teach students to identify, evaluate, and implement useful recommendations from behavior analytic research.
- Establish a professional and ethical framework to guide Salve Regina graduates in practice.
- Provide tools to help students become contributors and leaders in their perspective organizations and careers.
- Help students meet the necessary standards to qualify to sit for and pass the Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) exam.

The coursework in Salve Regina's ABA program is designed to help students build strong foundations and fluency in critical behavior analytic content. Because obtaining a BCBA credential is often the most efficient way of acquiring licensure in any state (including Rhode Island) and is often recognized by insurance companies in states without licensure, our program is designed to help students meet the criteria for the taking, and passing, the BCBA exam. Students interested in state licenses other than Rhode Island should review that states' criteria or contact the program director for more information.

The curriculum offered in the ABA program is Verified Course Sequence (VCS) per the Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI). That means that the sequence of courses has been verified by the ABAI as meeting specific faculty and coursework standards.

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Admissions Requirements

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) may apply.* Salve Regina University evaluates the total application package. There is no fee to apply; materials are submitted online at salve.edu/grad. In addition to the completed application, students must submit the following materials:

- Completed graduate application
- Official transcripts from each college/university attended
- Personal statement
- Two professional letters of recommendation
- Resume

About Salve Regina University

Salve Regina University is an independent coeducational institution. Since our founding by the Sisters of Mercy in 1947, we have grown to a community of more than 2,700 undergraduate and graduate students who proudly carry forward our mission of responsible citizenship and public service in their personal and professional lives. Salve Regina is fully accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).

Curriculum

To earn the master's degree in applied behavior analysis, students take a minimum of 12 courses (36 credits).

Required Courses (11 courses, 33 credits)

PSY510: ABA Ethics and Professional Conduct
PSY520: ABA Concepts and Principles
PSY530: ABA Research Methods
PSY535: Experimental Analysis of Behavior (EAB)
PSY540: ABA Intervention
PSY550: ABA Assessment
PSY560: ABA Supervision & Systems
PSY590: ABA Advanced Seminar in Behavior Analysis
PSY511: History of Behaviorism
PSY570: Applied Behavior Analysis: Practicum I
PSY571: Applied Behavior Analysis: Practicum II

Electives (select 1 course, 3 credits)

PSY513: Educational Psychology
PSY521: Health Psychology
PSY523: Autism Spectrum and Other Developmental Disabilities
PSY525: Abnormal Psychology
PSY531: ABA Consultation
PSY533: Organizational Behavior Management
PSY542: Behavior Analysis & Societal Issues
PSY551: Critical Thinking and Decision Making in Psychology
PSY580: Individual Research
PSY585: Thesis Research and Writing
PSY599: Special Topics

*Prerequisite Coursework

Applicants who do not have an introductory ABA course on their transcript (or, alternatively, demonstrated ABA work experience on their resume) may be conditionally admitted and asked to complete our prerequisite course, PSY502: Survey of Behavior Analysis, prior to enrollment. This course is offered in the summer and will provide the foundational knowledge essential for success in the highly focused coursework offered in the master's program. Upon successful completion of the prerequisite course, the student will be fully matriculated into the fall semester. Successful completion satisfies the prerequisite only and does not count toward the master's degree.



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