



# Ph.D. Behavior Analysis



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## **Class Format**

In person, evening classes

## **Application Deadline**

Priority deadline: Feb 15

Regular deadline: May 1



Behavior analysis is a rapidly growing profession with continuously evolving opportunities for professional development. Over 80% of credentialed behavior analysts have joined the field in the last ten years, and most people in the field are credentialed at the master's degree level (i.e., BCBA) or direct-care level (i.e., RBTs). Relatively few people are credentialed at the doctoral level (i.e., BCBA-D). In fact, nationally and across RI, MA and CT, there are more than 20 BCBA-Ds for every BCBA.

More BCBA-Ds are needed in the profession of behavior analysis to help it continue to thrive. The Ph.D. in behavior analysis at Salve Regina University is designed to help students gain the leadership, research and advanced clinical skills needed to flourish as a leader in behavior-analytic organizations in order to impact their organizations and the field in meaningful ways.

Upon graduation, our Ph.D. students will:

- Demonstrate mastery of behavior analytic research design and methodology
- Demonstrate a mastery of the basic science (i.e., experimental roots) and philosophical underpinnings of behavior analysis
- Apply behavior analytic concepts and principles while conducting research
- Demonstrate the ability to teach and translate behavior analytic material to diverse audiences
- Demonstrate the ability to supervise behavior-analytic research and clinical services in diverse settings

The Ph.D. program exemplifies purpose-driven and transformative education, all while fostering compassionate mercy leadership that strives towards respect and dignity for all. Our program provides a high-touch educational experience that will optimize each student's outcomes while maintaining academic rigor and emphasizing experiential learning through coursework, practicum, and the dissertation phase. Students will conduct research and provide services to help address societal issues, including helping individuals with developmental disabilities to increase their autonomy and independence.

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## Admissions Requirements

Individuals with a master's degree from a regionally accredited college or university (or an equivalent degree from an accredited institution outside of the United States) may apply. A master's degree in behavior analysis is preferred.

There is no fee to apply; materials are submitted online at [salve.edu/graduate-admissions](http://salve.edu/graduate-admissions).

In addition to the completed application, students must submit the following materials:

- Official transcripts from each college/university attended
- Personal statement
- CV or Resume
- Research Proposal
- Two Letters of Recommendation

Applicants who are potentially eligible for the program based on their application will be asked to complete an interview process for further evaluation.

## 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

The 12 courses (36 credits) required to complete the Ph.D. in behavior analysis consist of five core courses, two electives, three experiential courses, and two semesters of dissertation research. In addition to the 12 courses (36 credits), students will be required to complete a comprehensive examination. The anticipated time to complete the Ph.D. program is two to three years if all pre-requisite master's program requirements are met.

### 5 Core Courses

- PSY630: Research Methods II
- PSY636: Experimental Analysis of Behavior II
- PSY623: Autism Spectrum and Other Developmental Disabilities
- PSY631: ABA Consultation
- PSY642: Behavior Analysis & Societal Issues

### 2 Electives Courses

- PSY613: Educational Psychology
- PSY621: Health Psychology
- PSY625: Abnormal Psychology
- PSY633: Organizational Behavior Management
- PSY651: Critical Thinking and Decision Making in Psychology
- PSY680: Individual Research
- PSY699: Special Topics

### 3 Experiential Learning Courses

- PSY672: Practicum III
- PSY673: Practicum IV
- PSY675: Behavior Analysis: College Teaching

### 2 Semesters of Dissertation

- PSY690: Dissertation Research and Writing I
- PSY691: Dissertation Research and Writing II

## Who can apply?

Individuals that will have a master's degree in behavior analysis by the time they start the program are eligible to apply. Individuals who are interested in the Ph.D. in behavior analysis who do not have a master's degree in behavior analysis should apply to Salve's M.S. in behavior analysis program. If they are admitted and enrolled in the M.S. in behavior analysis program, they will be eligible to complete an internal application to join the Ph.D. in behavior analysis towards the end of their master's program.



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