

APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS, POST-MASTER'S CERTIFICATE

Student Handbook (https://www.slu.edu/services/registrar/catalog/pdfs/18-19_ABA-Student-Handbook.pdf) Field Education Policy and Procedures Manual

Saint Louis University's applied behavior analysis (ABA) certificate program involves the application of behavioral principles to produce socially significant changes in behavior. The curriculum includes seven three-credit courses, with the option to complete five, two- or three-credit practicum courses.

Curriculum Overview

SLU's ABA certificate program is offered in full-time and part-time formats, and requires 21 credits, as follows:

- Principles and Concepts in Behavior Analysis
- Measurement and Experimental Design
- Behavioral Assessment
- Behavior Change and Processes
- Behavior Change and Ethics
- Supervision and Organizational Behavior Management
- Philosophy of Behavioral Science

Admission Requirements

Successful applicants should possess a master's degree from an accredited college or university in behavior analysis, education, psychology or a degree program where students have completed a Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB (<https://www.bacb.com/>))-approved course sequence.

It is recommended that students have taken prior coursework in applied behavior analysis or have independently studied ABA texts.

Application Requirements

- Application form and fee of \$65
- Transcript(s)
- Two letters of recommendation (one academic, one professional)
 - One academic letter of recommendation from a professor who has evaluated your academic performance in the classroom.
 - One professional letter of recommendation from a supervisor who has evaluated your work in the field or related volunteer experience.
 - If you have been out of school five or more years you may submit two professional letters.
 - If you are entering the program directly from an undergraduate program you may submit two academic letters.
- Résumé
- Interview (May be requested)
- Professional statement (https://www.slu.edu/public-health-social-justice/pdfs/aba_slu_professionalstatement.pdf)

Requirements for International Studies

All admission policies and requirements for domestic students apply to international students along with the following:

- Demonstrate English Language Proficiency
- Proof of financial support must include:
 - A letter of financial support from the person(s) or sponsoring agency funding the time at Saint Louis University
 - A letter from the sponsor's bank verifying that the funds are available and will be so for the duration of study at the University
- Academic records, in English translation, of students who have undertaken postsecondary studies outside the United States must include the courses taken and/or lectures attended, practical laboratory work, the maximum and minimum grades attainable, the grades earned or the results of all end-of-term examinations, and any honors or degrees received. WES and ECE transcripts are accepted.

Application Deadlines

All applicants must apply by August 1.

Review Process

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis. As soon as an application is complete, it is reviewed.

Admission decisions are based upon overall application. Clinical experience in behavior analysis, potential or demonstrated leadership, and some background in research are important factors that are taken into consideration.

Financial Aid

We recognize that when choosing to continue your education, cost can be a concern. To help ease that decision, we have identified the following financial aid resources.

FAFSA and Other Resources

All incoming students should complete the application for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) (<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/>). A step-by-step guide to submitting your FAFSA is available online (<https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/apply-accept/>).

Saint Louis University Student Financial Services provides a Graduate Financial Aid Handbook (<https://www.flipsnack.com/SLUadmission/financial-aid-award-piece-graduate-17.html>) that outlines the process of financing your graduate education. The following links to resources in Saint Louis University Student Financial Services may also be helpful:

- Graduate Loan Options (<https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/types-of-aid/student-loan-information/>)
- Confirming Your Award (<https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/apply-accept/accept.php>)
- Paying Your Bill and Payment Plans (<https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/paying-your-bill/>)

Other Funding

Certificate students are not eligible for scholarships or graduate assistantships.

Accreditation

Learning Outcomes

1. Graduates will be able to assess relevant behavior analysis literature/scholarly contributions.
2. Graduates will be able to apply behavioral theories, practices, policies, or research methodologies.
3. Graduates will be able to apply knowledge from applied behavior analysis to address problems in broader contexts.
4. Graduates will be able to articulate applied behavior analysis explanations/arguments to a disciplinary/professional audience in both written and oral formats.
5. Graduates will be able to evidence scholarly/professional integrity (ethics) in behavior analysis.

Requirements

| Code | Title | Credits |
|-------------------------|--|-----------|
| Required Courses | | |
| ABA 5746 | Principles & Concepts in Behavior Analysis | 3 |
| ABA 5774 | Measurement & Experimental Design | 3 |
| ABA 5747 | Behavioral Assessment | 3 |
| ABA 5748 | Behavior Change and Process | 3 |
| ABA 5749 | Behavior Change and Ethics | 3 |
| ABA 5001 | Supervision and Organizational Behavior Management | 3 |
| ABA 5002 | Philosophy of Behavioral Science | 3 |
| Total Credits | | 21 |

Non-Course Requirements

Students seeking BACB certification must complete 1,500-2,000 clock hours of ABA field practicum under the supervision of a board-certified behavior analyst (BCBA). Students may choose to complete their practice experience independently or take up to 14 credits of practicum through SLU ABA.

Continuation Standards

Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 in all graduate/professional courses.

Contact Us

Apply for Admission (<http://www.slu.edu/admission/>)

For admission questions contact:

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Roadmap

Roadmaps are recommended semester-by-semester plans of study for programs and assume full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.

Courses and milestones designated as critical (marked with !) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation. Transfer credit may change the roadmap.

This roadmap should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor/mentor each semester. Requirements, course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

| Course | Title | Credits |
|----------------------|--|-----------|
| Year One | | |
| Fall | | |
| ABA 5747 | Behavioral Assessment | 3 |
| ABA 5748 | Behavior Change and Process | 3 |
| Credits | | 6 |
| Spring | | |
| ABA 5747 | Behavioral Assessment | 3 |
| ABA 5748 | Behavior Change and Process | 3 |
| Credits | | 6 |
| Summer | | |
| ABA 5749 | Behavior Change and Ethics | 3 |
| ABA 5001 | Supervision and Organizational Behavior Management | 3 |
| Credits | | 6 |
| ABA 5746 | Principles & Concepts in Behavior Analysis | 3 |
| ABA 5774 | Measurement & Experimental Design | 3 |
| Credits | | 6 |
| Year Two | | |
| Fall | | |
| ABA 5002 | Philosophy of Behavioral Science | 3 |
| Credits | | 3 |
| Total Credits | | 27 |