APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS, POST-MASTER’S CERTIFICATE


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 six three-credit courses, with the option to complete three three-credit practica.

Curriculum Overview

SLU’s ABA certificate program is offered in full-time and part-time formats, and requires 18 credits, as follows:

- Principles and concepts in behavior analysis
- Measurement and experimental design
- Assessment and selecting interventions
- Behavior change and processes
- Behavior change and ethics
- Special topics I

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
- Transcript(s)
- Three letters of recommendation (two academic, one professional)
- Résumé
- Interview
- Professional statement

Requirements for International Studies

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

- Demonstrate English Language Proficiency (http://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/office-admission/undergraduate/english-language-proficiency/)
- Proof of financial support must include:
  - 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 who apply by the priority deadline of March 1 are reviewed for merit-based scholarships. Applications will continue to be accepted and reviewed for admissions until Aug. 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.

Scholarships and 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/)

New and continuing students are eligible for merit-based scholarships. Prospective students who apply for admission by the priority deadline are automatically screened for scholarship eligibility. No additional application is required; awards are based on information provided in the admission application.

The priority deadline for the fall is March 1.

Please note that the terms of scholarship are subject to change if the student petitions for a degree transfer or fails to remain in good academic standing.
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

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Total Credits 21

Non-Course Requirements

Persons seeking BACB certification must complete 333-334 clock hours of ABA field practicum/semester under the supervision of a Board-Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA). Students may choose to complete their practice experience or up to three three-credit practica courses. Fall practica placement is dependent upon initial meeting with practicum liaison and date of acceptance.

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/)

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