



# KEAN

## Master of Arts in Special Education

### **Option: Applied Behavior Analysis and Autism Spectrum Disorders -** **Launching Fall 2025: Fully Remote Hybrid Learning**

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**If you're working toward becoming a Board-Certified Behavior Analyst® (BCBA®), Kean University's ABA master's program fulfills two of the three eligibility requirements set by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB): a qualifying master's degree and 315 hours of graduate-level coursework under Pathway 2, aligned with the 2027 exam standards.**

**No teaching certification needed to join our ABA MA program, just a passion for making a difference! Teachers are welcome, too!**

**Program Description:** This program has been designed to meet the BACB's BCBA® Pathway 2 coursework requirements. Applicants will need to meet additional requirements to qualify to sit for the BCBA exam. The program includes seven courses that cover the 315 hours of required coursework for the BCBA® exam starting in 2027 under Pathway 2. For details on the current exam requirements, visit [www.BACB.com](http://www.BACB.com). To practice ABA in New Jersey, you must also meet statewide licensure requirements, which include BACB certification.

#### **Admission Requirements**

In addition to the University's admissions requirements:

- Baccalaureate with a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average
- Official transcripts from all institutions attended
- Three Letters of Recommendation (professional experience)
- An appropriate scholarly writing sample (APA style, if available) send a paper from your undergraduate work}
- Professional resume/CV
- Personal Statement (Why do you want to be accepted?)
- Official TOEFL or IELTS score reports (**International Students Only**)

**For more information on tuition, financial aid, or application inquiries, please contact the Graduate Office of Graduate Admissions at 908-737-4723. [gradadmissions@kean.edu](mailto:gradadmissions@kean.edu)**

- Courses combine **live Zoom sessions** with **self-paced online work**:
- **Synchronous Weeks:** Live online classes for real-time learning and discussion.
- **Asynchronous Weeks:** No live meetings; complete coursework on your schedule (with weekly deadlines).

This balanced approach helps you stay engaged while giving you the flexibility to manage your time and learning style.

#### **Fully Remote Hybrid Program Requirements**

- 27-credit course sequence (10 classes, including 7 BACB Pathway 2-required courses)
- 9 credits of Research (Master's Thesis – 3 courses)
  - Taken over final two years, after passing SPED 7900 in Fall of 2nd year
  - Must be completed in consecutive semesters; each is a prerequisite for the next
- Sequence:
  - Spring (2nd Year): SPED 7906
  - Fall (Final Year): SPED 7907
  - Spring (Final Year): SPED 7908
- *Note: Courses cannot be taken in the same semester and must be passed in order*

## Pathway 2 Coursework Required to sit for BCBA® exam– 21 CREDITS

**(ONLY offered Fall/Spring- No Summer Pathway 2 courses)**

Course Number	Course Name	Credits	BACB® 6th Ed Task List Section Hours
SPED 5100	Basic Principles Of Behavior	3	Content Area: B
SPED 5101	Behavior Assessment for Learners with Autism and Other Developmental Disabilities	3	Content Area: F
SPED 5102	Behavior Intervention for Learners with Autism and Other Developmental Disabilities	3	Content Areas: F, G, H
SPED 5103	Supervision and Organizational Behavior Management	3	Content Areas: G, I
SPED 5200 Pre-req: SPED 5100, SPED 5101, and SPED 5102	Theory & Philosophy in Behavior Analysis: Experimental Analysis of Behavior	3	Content Areas: A, B
SPED 7900 Pre-req: SPED 5100, SPED 5101, and SPED 5102	Single-Subject Experimental Design  <b>*ONLY OFFERED IN FALL SEMESTERS</b>	3	Content Areas: C, D
SPED 7903 Pre-req: SPED 5100, SPED 5101, and SPED 5102	Ethics and Professional Behavior in Applied Behavior Analysis  <b>*ONLY OFFERED IN SPRING SEMESTERS</b>	3	Content Area E

### REQUIRED RESEARCH PROJECT - 9 CREDITS (ONLY offered in specific Fall/Spring semesters)

SPED 7906 Pre-req: SPED 7900	Intro in Clinical Research in Applied Behavior Analysis <b>*ONLY OFFERED IN SPRING SEMESTERS</b> Begin in <b>SPRING</b> of 2 <sup>nd</sup> year of study	3	
SPED 7907 Pre-req: SPED 7906	Clinical Research in Applied Behavior Analysis I <b>*ONLY OFFERED IN FALL SEMESTERS</b> Take in <b>Fall</b> of last year of study only	3	
SPED 7908 Pre-req: SPED 7907	Clinical Research in Applied Behavior Analysis II <b>*ONLY OFFERED IN SPRING SEMESTERS</b> Take in <b>SPRING</b> of semester of anticipated graduation only	3	

### Special Education Courses- 9 credits

SPED 5005	Foundations in Special Education and Educational Implications  <b>* Fall - ONF &amp; Summer I *Based on enrollment</b>	3	
SPED 5020	Educational Strategies for Students with Disabilities <b>* Spring – ONF &amp; Summer II *Based on enrollment</b>	3	
SPED 5023	Computer Application in Special Education <b>*Spring – ONH &amp; Summer II *Based on enrollment</b>	3	

**TOTAL OF 39 CREDITS TO COMPLETE PROGRAM**

Applicants for BACB exams will need to meet additional requirements before they can be deemed eligible to take the examination.  
See [www.bacb.com](http://www.bacb.com) for certification requirements.

### **Recommended Schedule if beginning in Fall Semester**

**Fall 1<sup>st</sup> Year of study:** SPED 5100 and SPED 5102

**SP 1<sup>st</sup> year of study:** SPED 5101 and SPED 5103

**Summer:** SPED 5005 (if not taken the previous semester) and/or SPED 5020

**Fall 2nd Year of study:** SPED 7900 (must take in this semester to stay on track) and SPED 5200

**SP 2nd year of study:** SPED 7903 and SPED 7906 (must take in this semester to stay on track)

**Summer:** SPED 5020 and/or SPED 5023 (if not previously taken)

**Fall 2nd Last year of study:** SPED 7907 (must take in this semester to stay on track)

**SP Last year of study:** SPED 7908 (must take in this semester to stay on track)

### **Recommended Schedule if beginning in Spring Semester**

**SP 1<sup>st</sup> Year of study:** SPED 5100, 5101 and SPED 5102

**Summer:** SPED 5005 (if not taken the previous semester) and/or SPED 5020

**Fall 2nd Year of study:** SPED 7900 (must take in this semester to stay on track), and SPED 5103

**SP 2nd year of study:** SPED 7906 (must take in this semester to stay on track), and SPED 5200

**Summer:** SPED 5020 and/or SPED 5023 (if not previously taken)

**Fall 2nd Last year of study:** SPED 7907 (must take in this semester to stay on track)

**SP Last year of study:** SPED 7908 (must take in this semester to stay on track) and SPED 7903

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