



KEAN
Nathan Weiss Graduate College

Post-Master's Certification Option: Applied Behavior Analysis: Autism and Developmental Disabilities

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Program Description

The Post-Master's Certificate Option: Applied Behavior Analysis: Autism and Developmental Disabilities is an option for those who already hold a Master's Degree and would like to pursue becoming a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA®). This certificate program meets the 315-hour coursework requirement for students wanting to take the BCBA® 5th Edition examination. Applicants will need to meet additional requirements before they can be deemed eligible to take the examination. This Post-Master's Certificate Program is rooted in the science of applied behavior analysis (ABA). At Kean University, you will develop an evidenced-based approach to teaching students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and other Developmental Disabilities. You will learn how to design, implement, and evaluate individualized teaching procedures through the use of empirically validated principles of learning and ABA. The skills acquired in our program will promote best practices and provide graduate students with the skills to improve the quality of life of their learners.

Admission Requirements

In addition to the University's admissions requirements:

- Baccalaureate and master's degree in an acceptable field of study from a qualifying institution. Acceptable fields of study are behavior analysis, education, or psychology (until December 31, 2021). Beginning January 1, 2022, a master's degree or higher in any field of study. Degrees may also be accepted from degree programs in which the candidate completed a BACB verified course sequence. Applicants who are unsure of whether the field of study of their degree is acceptable may request a preliminary review.
- Official transcripts from all institutions attended
- Three letters of recommendation (professional experience)
- Furnish an appropriate scholarly writing sample
- Professional Resume/CV
- Professional statement of interest
- Official TOEFL or IELTS score reports (**International Students ONLY**)

Program Requirements

- 21 credit course sequence

VERIFIED COURSE SEQUENCE (VCS) – 21 CREDITS (ONLY offered Fall/Spring)

The Association for Behavior Analysis International has verified the following courses toward the coursework requirements for eligibility to take the 5th Edition Board Certified Behavior Analyst® or Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst® examination. The Verified Course Sequence (VCS) meets the BACB’s coursework eligibility requirements. Applicants who provide verification that they have completed this VCS will not have to provide coursework documentation.

Course Number	Course Name	Credits	VCS 5th Edition Task List Hours by Section
SPED 5702 Prereq: none	Educating Learners with Autism & Other Developmental Disabilities	3	5 hours F 40 hours G, H
SPED 5704 Prereq: none	Behavior and Educational Assessment for Learners with Autism & Other Developmental Disabilities	3	5 hours A 5 hours B 35 hours F
SPED 5705 Pre/Coreq: 5702	Applied Behavior Analysis for Learners with Autism & Other Developmental Disabilities I	3	5 hours A 30 hours B 5 hours F 5 hours G, H
SPED 5706 Prereq: 5702, 5704, 5705	Applied Behavior Analysis for Learners with Autism & Other Developmental Disabilities II	3	45 hours B
SPED 5801 Prereq: 5702, 5704	BCBA Supervision and Staff Management	3	15 hours G, H 30 hours I
SPED 7900 Prereq: 5702, 5704, 5705	Single-Subject Experimental Design *ONLY OFFERED IN FALL SEMESTERS	3	45 hours C, D
SPED 7903 Prereq: 5702	Ethics and Professional Behavior in Applied Behavior Analysis	3	45 hours E

TOTAL OF 21 CREDITS TO COMPLETE CERTIFICATION

Applicants for BACB exams will need to meet additional requirements before they can be deemed eligible to take the examination. See www.bacb.com for certification requirements.

