



**KEAN**  
Nathan Weiss Graduate College

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## Master of Arts in Special Education

### *Option: Applied Behavior Analysis and Autism Spectrum Disorders*

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#### **Program Description**

This Master's program in Special Education with emphasis on the science of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) and Autism Spectrum Disorders is designed for those who are not certified teachers, but would like to pursue becoming a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA®). At Kean, you will develop an evidenced-based approach to teaching students with autism and other developmental disabilities. Learn how to design, implement, and evaluate individualized teaching procedures through the use of empirically validated principles of Learning and ABA. The skills learned 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 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
- Professional resume/CV
- Personal Statement
- \*Official TOEFL or IELTS score reports (\*International Students Only)

#### **Program Requirements**

- 30 credit course sequence
- 9 credits of program practicum

| <b>REQUIRED COURSES and PRACTICUM* - 30 CREDITS</b> |   |           |
|---|---|-----------|
| <b>SPED 5005</b>                                    | Foundation in Special Education                   | 3 credits |
| <b>SPED 5020</b>                                    | Educational Strategies for the Exceptional Child* | 3 credits |
| <b>SPED 5050</b>                                    | Assessment in Special Education*                  | 3 credits |
| <b>SPED 5023</b>                                    | Technology for Students with Disabilities*        | 3 credits |

| <b>The Behavior Analyst Certification Board, Inc.® has verified the following course sequence as meeting the coursework requirements for eligibility to take the Board Certified Behavior Analyst Examination®</b> |   |           |
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| <b>SPED 5701</b>   | Assessment of Individuals with Autisms & Other DD                   | 3 credits |
| <b>SPED 5702</b>   | Educational Programming for Students with Autisms & Other DD        | 3 credits |
| <b>SPED 5705</b>   | Basic Applied Behavior Analysis for Students with Autism & Other DD | 3 Credits |
| <b>SPED 7901</b>   | Single Subject Assessment Methodology                               | 3 Credits |
| <b>SPED 7902</b>   | Autism: Collaborative ABA Transdisciplinary Intervention            | 3 credits |
| <b>SPED 7903</b>   | Ethics and Professional Standards in Applied Behavior Analysis      | 3 Credits |

| <b>ADDITIONAL REQUIRED PRACTICUM FOR COMPLETION OF – 9 CREDITS</b> |   |           |
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| <b>SPED 5197</b>   | Problems and Issues in Special Education Research | 3 credits |
| <b>SPED 7904</b>   | Practicum in ABA                                  | 3 credits |
| <b>SPED 7905</b>   | Advanced Practicum in ABA                         | 3 credits |

\* Some Master's Candidates may have complete a course that is accepted if the previous course satisfies the BACB requirement.

## **TOTAL OF 39 CREDITS TO COMPLETE PROGRAM**

*Those who wish to take the Board Certified Behavior Analyst® (BCBA®) examination must meet additional requirements to qualify. See [www.bacb.com](http://www.bacb.com) for certification requirements.*