



**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 is rooted in the science of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) with an emphasis on Autism Spectrum Disorders is designed for those who are **not certified teachers (although teachers are welcome)**, but would like to pursue becoming a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA®). At Kean University, 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, APA style preferred
- Professional resume/CV
- Personal Statement
- \*Official TOEFL or IELTS score reports (\*International Students Only)

#### Program Requirements

- 30 credit course sequence
- 9 credits of Research Project

<b>Special Education Course- 9 credits</b>		
<b>SPED 5005</b>	Foundation in Special Education and Educational Implications	3 credits
<b>SPED 5020</b>	Educational Strategies for Students with Disabilities	3 credits
<b>SPED 5023</b>	Computer Application in Special Education*	3 credits

**The following course sequence meets the coursework requirements for eligibility to take the 5<sup>th</sup> Edition Board Certified Behavior Analyst Examination® - 21 Credits**

<b>SPED 5702</b>	Educating Learners with Autisms & Other Developmental Disabilities	3 credits
<b>SPED 5704</b>	Behavior and Educational Assessment For Learners with Autisms & Other Developmental Disabilities	3 credits
<b>SPED 5705</b>	Applied Behavior Analysis for Learners with Autism & Other Developmental Disabilities I	3 Credits
<b>SPED 5706</b>	Applied Behavior Analysis for Learners with Autism & Other Developmental Disabilities II	3 Credits
<b>SPED 5801</b>	BCBA Supervision and Staff Management	3 Credits
<b>SPED 7900*</b>	Single-Subject Experimental Design <i>*see information below*</i>	3 Credits
<b>SPED 7903</b>	Ethics and Professional Behavior in Applied Behavior Analysis	3 Credits

\*First of four consecutive research course sequence is SPED 7900. MUST BE TAKEN FIRST **ONLY OFFERED IN FALL\***

**ADDITIONAL REQUIRED RESEARCH PROJECT FOR COMPLETION OF – 9 CREDITS**  
*\* Four consecutive semester sequence that must be taken over last 2 years of study\**

<b>SPED 7906*</b>	Introduction into Clinical Research in Applied Behavior Analysis	3 credits
<b>SPED 7907*</b>	Clinical Research Project in Applied Behavior Analysis I	3 credits
<b>SPED 7908*</b>	Clinical Research in Applied Behavior Analysis II	3 credits

**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.*

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