



KEAN

Master of Arts in Special Education *Option: Applied Behavior Analysis and Autism Spectrum Disorders*

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The Association for Behavior Analysis International has verified 7 courses included in this program as meeting the coursework requirement to take the Board Certified Behavior Analyst® or Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst® exam before the end of 2026. The Verified Course Sequence (VCS) meets the BACB's coursework eligibility requirements for the exams taken prior to the end of 2026 ONLY. New courses will be offered for those taking the 2027 exam beginning in Fall 2024.

Program Description: This Master's in Applied Behavior Analysis and Autism Spectrum Disorders is rooted in the science of applied behavior analysis (ABA). The master's program is designed for those who are not certified teachers (although teachers are welcome) and 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 Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and other Developmental Disabilities. Master's students will be required to conduct a Master's Thesis.



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)
- Professional resume/CV
- Personal Statement (Why do you want to be accepted?)
- Official TOEFL or IELTS score reports (**International Students Only**)

Program Requirements

- 30 credit course sequence

- 9 credits of Research (**Master's Thesis [Four classes including the VCS course SPED 7900], TAKEN OVER CONSECUTIVE SESSIONS DURING THE LAST 2 YEARS OF STUDY BEGINNING WITH SPED 7900 IN the Fall semester of your second to last year of study**) SPED 7900 is only Offered in Fall Semester

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VERIFIED COURSE SEQUENCE (VCS) – 21 CREDITS (ONLY offered Fall/Spring)			
The Association for Behavior Analysis International has verified the following courses for eligibility to take the Board Certified Behavior Analyst® or Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst® exam before the end of 2026. The Verified Course Sequence (VCS) meets the BACB's coursework eligibility requirements.			
Course Number	Course Name	Credits	VCS 5th/6th Ed Task List Section Hours
SPED 5702	Educating Learners with Autism & Other Developmental Disabilities	3	5 hours F 40 hours G, H
SPED 5704	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 *ONLY offered in Fall semesters	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 *ONLY OFFERED IN SPRING SEMESTERS	3	45 hours E

REQUIRED RESEARCH PROJECT - 9 CREDITS (ONLY offered in specific Fall/Spring semesters)		
*SPED 7906 Prereq: 5702, 5704, 5705, 5706, 7900	Introduction into Clinical Research in Applied Behavior Analysis *ONLY OFFERED IN SPRING SEMESTERS Begin in SPRING of 2nd year of study	3 credits
*SPED 7907 Prereq: 5702, 5704, 5705 5706, 7900, 7903, 7906 Coreq: 5801	Clinical Research Project in Applied Behavior Analysis I *ONLY OFFERED IN FALL SEMESTERS Take in Fall of last year of study only	3 credits
*SPED 7908 Prereq: all previous courses	Clinical Research in Applied Behavior Analysis II *ONLY OFFERED IN SPRING SEMESTERS Take in SPRING of semester of anticipated graduation only	3 credits

Special Education Course- 9 credits (Typically offered in Fall/Spring/Summer Sessions)		
SPED 5005 Hybrid-Sync/Async.	Foundation in Special Education and Educational Implications *Offered ONLY in Fall and Summer sessions	3 credits
*SPED 5020	Educational Strategies for Students with Disabilities *ONLY OFFERED IN Spring & Summer SEMESTERS	3 credits
SPED 5023	Computer Application in Special Education	3 credits

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 for certification requirements.

Please register for courses using the following schedule to stay on track to complete this program in Spring 2026:

SP 24

SPED 5702 and SPED 5705

Summer 24

SPED 5005

Fall 24

SPED 7900, SPED 5801 and SPED 5704

SP 25

SPED 5706, SPED 7906 and SPED 7903

SU 25

SPED 5020

Fall 25

SPED 7907, and 5023

SP 26

SPED 7908

We will sunset

SPED 5702 and 5705 after SP 24

SPED 5704 and 5801 after Fall 24

SPED 5706 after SP 25