

# Applied Behavioral Analysis Specialization

## BCBA Certificate

23 units

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**NOTE:** A Board Certified Behavior Analyst® (BCBA) coordinator must approve admission to this emphasis. Admission to the BCBA program course sequence requires a separate application with the Student Services Center (<https://www.apu.edu/graduateprofessionalcenter/>) and interview with the BCBA committee.

The following nine-course sequence in applied behavior analysis, in its entirety, meets the 315 classroom hours of graduate-level instruction in the specified content areas established by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board® (BACB). Graduate students in the program must successfully complete all of the courses listed below to qualify to sit for the BCBA examination. Individual courses taken with a non-BCBA instructor or outside of APU's BCBA nine-course sequence may not meet BCBA requirements. Contact the BACB (<https://bacb.com/>) for additional information.

## Requirements

Code	Title	Units
ABA 505	Foundations In Applied Behavior Analysis	3
ABA 504	Single-Case Designs: Measurement and Experimental Evaluation of Behavior	3
ABA 503	Theory and Philosophy of Behavior Analysis	3
ABA 515	Behavior Intervention	3
ABA 500	ABA Fieldwork I	1
ABA 514	Functional Behavior Assessment in Applied Settings	3
ABA 534	Organizational Behavior Management	3
ABA 524	Ethics in Applied Behavior Analysis	3
ABA 510	ABA Fieldwork II	1
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>23</b>

**Special Note:** A behavior analyst is certified by the BACB after passing the BCBA certification exam. To sit for the exam, a candidate must apply directly to the BACB and provide evidence of the following: a master's degree in behavior analysis, education, or psychology from a qualifying institution; a passing grade in each course (note: the School of Education requires grades of *B-* or higher in its graduate courses), comprising a total of at least 315 classroom hours of graduate-level instruction from an approved university in the specified content areas established by the BACB; and completion of 1,500 hours of independent fieldwork in behavior analysis supervised by a qualified BCBA. Azusa Pacific University does not provide this supervision. For more information regarding the certification process, visit the BACB website (<https://www.bacb.com>).

## Admission

University graduate admission and program-specific requirements must be met before an application is complete (see Admission to the University (<http://catalog.apu.edu/admissions/>)). **Program-specific application requirements are available online (<https://tracking.cirrusinsight.com/74647a2d-e9a2-412f-9b55-9959c7aac4ec/apu-edu-graduateprofessionalcenter-admissions-requirements-program/>).**

International students should contact Graduate and Professional Admissions (<https://www.apu.edu/graduateprofessionalcenter/admissions/>) for application procedures.

## Program Learning Outcomes

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Students who successfully complete this program shall be able to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of basic concepts and principles from the field of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA).
2. Learn single-subject design and how to collect, display, analyze, and interpret data using continuous and discontinuous measures.
3. Implement procedures and systems related to behavior change from the perspective of applied behavior analysis (ABA).
4. Conduct personnel supervision that is behavior analytic in nature.

5. Apply the industry's ethical guidelines to their practice in the field of applied behavior analysis (ABA).
6. Conduct functional behavior assessment. This includes descriptive assessment (review of records, interview, observation, interpretation), functional analysis, and developing intervention plans.
7. Apply coursework in a fieldwork setting, supervised by a qualified professional.