


Master of Arts in Applied Behavior Analysis

Seize the Opportunity to Make a Lasting Impact and Shape the Future

Dive into a dynamic field where science meets compassion, transforming lives through evidence-based practices. Join a community of passionate learners and expert faculty dedicated to making a real-world impact.





A Master of Arts in

Applied Behavior Analysis (A.B.A)

This degree equips you with the knowledge and skills to work with adults and children in a variety of professional settings. Here are some compelling reasons to consider this advanced degree:

- ▶ **High Demand:** There is a growing need for ABA professionals across diverse areas including schools, healthcare and private practice in areas such as: behavioral treatment of autism, organizational behavior management, brain injury rehabilitation, behavioral sports psychology and behavioral pediatrics.
- ▶ **Impact and Improve Lives** with evidence-based behavioral strategies.
- ▶ **Competitive Edge:** Stand out in the job market with specialized knowledge and skills that are highly valued by employers.
- ▶ **Career Advancement:** Open doors to higher-level roles, salary and leadership positions.
- ▶ **Skill Development:** Improve communication, critical thinking and problem-solving abilities.
- ▶ **Personal Fulfillment:** Experience the joy of making a positive difference in others' lives.
- ▶ **Certification Ready:** Prepare for the Board-Certified Behavior Analyst® (BCBA®) exam.



Program Highlights

Length of Program: Four semesters

Unit Count of Program: 32

- ▶ **Program courses are verified** by the Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI).
- ▶ Includes the necessary coursework and supervision to be eligible to become a **Board-Certified Behavior Analyst® (BCBA®)**.
- ▶ **Prepares you to assist people** to teach people new functional behaviors and increase and decrease socially significant behaviors.
- ▶ **Learn to address challenging behaviors** and prepare you to work in a wide variety of settings.
- ▶ Study under **experienced and highly rated university faculty**.
- ▶ **Progress through coursework in a cohort format.**
- ▶ **Program classes are offered fully online!**
 - In-person practicum hours are required.

Make a Significant Difference in the Lives of Individuals

This program is a valuable investment for individuals seeking to make a meaningful impact in both professional and personal contexts. This includes the necessary coursework and supervision to become a Board-Certified Behavior Analyst® (BCBA®).

Required Courses (32 units)

Course Prefix	Required Courses (48 units)	Units
PPP 770	Introduction to Concepts and Principles of ABA	1
PPP 771	Experimental Design and Behavioral Research	3
PPP 772	Advanced Concepts and Principles of ABA	3
PPP 773	Ethics and Professionalism in ABA	3
PPP 774	Personnel and Supervision and Management	2
PPP 775	Philosophical Underpinnings of ABA	2
PPP 776	Behavior Assessment	3
PPP 777	Behavior Change Procedures	2
PPP 778	Behavior Change: Selecting Interventions I	1
PPP 779	Behavior Change: Selecting Interventions II	1
PPP 780	Research: Single Subject Design	1-3
PPP 783	Research: Quantitative Design	1-3
PPS 772	Issues and Values in Schools and Society	3
PPP 793B	BCBA® Supervised Experiences OR	1-15*
PPP 701	Introduction to Organizational Behavior Management and	1
PPP 702	Introduction to Multi-Tiered System of Support	1

*Only 2 units required for master's degree.

The courses listed above provide a sample overview of our program. Please meet with your academic advisor or visit fpu.edu/catalog to finalize your course registration and sequence.

The Association for Behavior Analysis International has verified the above courses toward the coursework requirements for eligibility to take the Board-Certified Behavior Analyst® examination. Applicants will need to meet additional requirements (e.g. supervision) before they can be deemed eligible to sit for the examination.

Application and Admission Information

To be considered for admission for the M.A. in Applied Behavior Analysis, please submit the following items:

- Completed Application for Admission** and \$45 non-refundable application fee. fpu.edu/applygrad
- Official college/university transcript(s)** verifying receipt of a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution and any post-baccalaureate work.
 - If you are currently finishing up your degree, please submit current transcript.
 - A final transcript will need to be submitted before you may enroll in classes.
 - Transcripts can be sent electronically by your institution to trans.evaluator@fresno.edu or via mail in an envelope sealed by your institution to:

Fresno Pacific University
Office of the Registrar
1717 S. Chestnut Ave.
Fresno, CA 93702
- If your cumulative GPA** for your bachelor's degree is below a 3.0 (4.0 scale), a letter of explanation is required.
- Reference Forms** – Two references are required for the M.A. in Applied Behavior Analysis program. The references should attest to your professional qualities and your academic qualifications, noting your ability to complete graduate-level work.
 - Form can be found at fpu.edu/graduate-reference
- Statement of Intent** – Provide a written statement explaining your interest in the program, long-term goals and your experience in the field.
- International applicants** must submit additional documentation including English Proficiency Score (TOEFL=minimum of 550 PBT or 79 iBT, IELTS=6.5), copy of passport, visa information and a statement of financial support.

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