

Master of Arts in Applied Behavior Analysis

The Master's of Arts in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) program at Penn State Harrisburg is designed to prepare graduates to develop comprehensive solutions to socially important problems. Inherent in the program study is the course content and practicum experience, a total of 39 credits, required to be eligible to sit for the Behavior Analysis Certification Board Exam. In addition to course work and practicum, students complete a master's project (e.g., empirical research) under the guidance and mentorship of a faculty member.



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Curriculum

Transfer Credits

Subject to the limitations given below, a maximum of 10 credits of high-quality graduate work done at an accredited institution may be applied toward the requirements for the master's degree. Transferred academic work must have been completed within five years prior to the date of the first degree registration at the Graduate School of Penn State, must be of at least B quality (grades of B- are not transferable), and must appear on an official graduate transcript of an accredited university. Pass-fail grades are not transferable to an advanced degree program unless the "Pass" can be substantiated by the former institution as having at least B quality.

Grade-Point Average and Time Limit

Students must have a 3.0 grade-point average to graduate from the program. The time limit for graduation is eight years from the date the student begins the program.

Courses Overview

Requirements for the M.A. in Applied Behavior Analysis include 33 credits in required course work, including the master's project paper, supervised internship experience, and 6 elective credits for a total of 39 credits.

ABA Core Courses (33 credits)

Offered annually, these courses are required for all students in the program.

- ABA 500 Science and Foundations of Behavior (3)
- ABA 511 Behavioral Assessment and Treatment (3)
- ABA 522 Behavioral Research Methods (3)
- ABA 533 Principles of Behavior Analysis (3)
- ABA 544 Behavioral Systems Support (3)
- ABA 577 Case Conceptualization and Development (3)
- ABA 588 Ethics in Research and Professional Practice (3)
- ABA 595 Internship (12)

Elective Courses (6 credits)

- Additional courses that will count as electives towards this degree can be chosen from a list of approved elective courses maintained by the graduate program office. (3)

Culminating Experience

- ABA 594A Research Topics (3)

Program Requirements for Admission

Note: In addition to the [general prerequisites for admission to the Graduate School](#), the following is required by this degree program:

Requirements	More Information
GPA	Cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or above (on a 4.0 scale) in the last 60 credits.
Education	Applicants must have at least 18 credits in an area of study related to psychology, special education, general education, behavioral health, mental health, disability services, or related disciplines.
Supporting Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Three letters of recommendation with at least one being an academic/scholarly reference✓ An interest statement (Optional)✓ Scores from the Graduate Record Exam, GRE, in the verbal, quantitative, and analytic portions; GRE scores are not required for admission, but students who do not submit GRE scores will not be eligible for most graduate assistantships and/or scholarships.✓ A personal interview may be required✓ A resume or curriculum vitae (Optional)

Application Deadline

Program admission will remain open until all openings are filled.

For Fall semester, applicants are encouraged to submit completed applications by February 14th for early consideration and by April 14th for normal consideration.

Students are strongly encouraged to apply for Fall semester; however, Spring applications are considered under special circumstances. For Spring semester, applicants are encouraged to submit completed applications by October 14th.