

Program Mission:

The mission of the Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) program is to prepare students to (a) think critically about behavioral processes across various socially meaningful issues, populations, and practice areas, (b) comprehend and contribute to behavior-analytic scholarship, (c) enter the ABA workforce by passing the necessary certification and/or licensure examinations to practice as a behavior analyst, (d) serve diverse communities as Master's level scientist-practitioners, and (e) enter doctoral training programs in behavior analysis.

Program Learning Outcomes:

PLO 1: Synthesize theories and research related to the field of ABA and apply and evaluate behavior-analytic principles and techniques to affect socially valid issues.

PLO 2: Communicate and defend scientific findings, clinical outcomes, and thesis results to relevant audiences.

PLO 3: Compare perspectives and theories, differentiate assumptions and facts, develop hypotheses, and evaluate data and research findings using appropriate research methodology.

PLO 4: Find and evaluate literature to contextualize behavior-analytic theories and research in the field of psychology as a whole.

PLO 5: Employ behavior analysis certification board and APA guidelines for the ethical treatment of human research participants, clients in treatment, staff in training, and other relevant populations, and identify violations of these ethical codes.

PLO6: Respond appropriately to cultural and individual differences and discuss perspectives on psychology with others regardless of similarity or diversity of professional experience.