



Esteves School of Education

at The Sage Colleges

Applied Behavior Analysis and Autism Master of Science Program of Study

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Acceptance: Regular Provisional Probationary

Admission Provisions:

Read the attached document and choose a track.

- Track A (Practicum)
- Track B (Practicum)
- Track C (Non-Practicum)

Required Courses

Credits

First Spring of Study

- ABA 501 Introduction to Behavior Analysis (Tracks A, B & C) 3
- ABA 515 Introduction to Autism (Tracks A, B & C) 3
- ABA 510 Clinical Practicum in ABA I* (Track A) 2
- ABA 520 Interventions in Autism (Tracks B & C) 3

First Summer of Study

- ABA 505 Behavioral Assessment (Tracks A, B & C) 3
- ABA 605 Research and Ethics in Applied Behavior Analysis (Tracks A, B & C) 3
- ABA 510 Clinical Practicum in ABA I* (Track B) 2
- ABA 511 Clinical Practicum in ABA II* (Track A) 2

First Fall of Study

- ABA 601 Professional Practices in Applied Behavior Analysis (Tracks A, B & C) 3
- ABA 607 Ethics in Applied Behavior Analysis (Tracks A, B & C) 3
- ABA 511 Clinical Practicum in ABA II*(Track B) 2
- ABA 520 Interventions in Autism (Track A) 3

Second Spring of Study

- ABA 525 Core Skills in Autism I (Tracks A, B & C) 3
- ABA 610 Advanced Topics in Applied Behavior Analysis (Tracks A, B & C) 3
- ABA 512 Clinical Practicum in ABA III* (Tracks A & B) 2

Second Summer of Study

- ABA 526 Core Skills in Autism II (Tracks A, B & C) 3
- ABA 615 Research Seminar in Applied Behavior Analysis (Tracks A, B & C) 3
- ABA 513 Clinical Practicum in ABA IV* (Tracks A & B) 2

**Total Credits: Practicum Tracks A & B= 41
Non-Practicum Track C= 33**

Policies for all students:

- Completion of the M.S. in Applied Behavior Analysis and Autism Tracks A & B, qualifies the candidate (i.e., graduate student) to be eligible to sit for the examination to become a Board Certified Behavior Analyst. Information about the exam can be found at the Behavior Analysis Certification Board (BACB) website (<http://www.bacb.com>).

- This program is registered by the New York State Education Department; however, it does not lead to teacher certification or any other New York professional license. Candidates from other states should review their state's licensing and certification options.
- This program prepares students to provide some of the services that fall within the scope of practice of the profession of psychology. Candidates must be aware that any such services are restricted to New York State licensed professionals, including licensed psychologists, and cannot be rendered in New York State by program students or graduates unless they are licensed in New York State to provide such services or they provide these services in an exempt setting as salaried employees.
- Students must receive a grade of C or better in all ABA courses to qualify for the BCBA exam, and students must earn a 3.0 GPA to qualify for graduation.

Policies for Practicum Track C Students

- Students who choose Track C (non-practicum) will not be eligible to take the Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) exam without the required fieldwork.
- Track C students are responsible for securing and completing independent fieldwork using the guidelines set forth by the BACB (www.bacb.com).
- The Sage Colleges is not responsible for any part of the independent fieldwork process or policies.

Policies for Practicum Track A & B Students

To complete the clinical practica, a candidate must be employed or volunteer in a human service agency in which they can meet the requirements of the BACB Clinical Practica. The director of the agency must agree to these conditions that must be met to have the candidate supervised for clinical practica:

- The agency must serve clients diagnosed along the Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) or other severe disabilities. For a candidate to complete the clinical practica with students who do not meet these criteria, the candidate will need the permission of the Program Director.
- The director of the agency must give written permission for the candidate to participate in the clinical practica and to be supervised by a Sage approved supervisor.
- The student will notify The Center for Applied Behavior Analysis at The Sage Colleges if the candidate is dismissed from the practicum hosting agency or if the candidate terminates employment or volunteering.
- Confidentiality of clients served by the agency will be maintained and is the responsibility of the candidate.
- The candidate is responsible for complying with agency policies regarding the development of treatment interventions. Sage supervisors might, in the course of supervision, make suggestions regarding changes in treatment, and it will be the responsibility of the candidate to make sure treatments comply with all rules and regulations of the agency.
- There are two ways in which supervision may be delivered: real-time interactions (via either face-to-face or web-based observation) and videotaped observation.
 - For real-time supervision via face-to-face or web-based observation:
 - No images or videotapes of the candidate working with clients will be made;
 - Confidentiality will be maintained and is the responsibility of the candidate;
 - For videotaped observation:
 - Up to half of the practicum hours may be supervised through videotaped sessions; the remainder must involve face-to-face or web-based observation;
 - Videotapes of candidate-client interactions will be sent via post office or digitized video sessions delivered electronically;
 - All tapes will be destroyed when the practicum is finished. No tapes will be copied or distributed or used again, unless written permission from the candidate, agency, and parents/guardians of the clients is obtained in advance.
- The student is responsible for submitting and requesting the submissions of all practicum contracts each semester.

*The requirements stated in the table below must be met to facilitate successful completion of the program for Track A & B students, and the burden of proof belongs with the student. The student should keep an original copy of the BACB Fieldwork and Practicum Experience Supervision Forms in case the BACB requests the information prior to taking the BCBA exam or The Sage Colleges requests the documents before awarding a degree or certificate.

Practicum Course	Student, agency and BCBA Supervisor contract (Required each semester)	17-20 practicum hours per week for a total of 250-255 hours per semester.	18 Supervision Hours (1 -2 hours per week for 15 weeks) recorded on official <i>BACB Fieldwork and Practicum Experience Supervision Forms</i>	2 Group Supervision hours recorded on official <i>BACB Fieldwork and Practicum Experience Supervision Forms</i> by practicum instructor
ABA-510				
ABA-511				
ABA-512				
ABA-513				

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I have read and understand the policies printed on this Program of Study. I have read and understand the attached document, and I have chosen a program track to follow.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Chairperson Signature: _____ Date: _____

Dr. Dana Reinecke

Dear Student:

Upon acceptance into the Applied Behavior Analysis and Autism program, students must choose between Track A, Track B and Track C. Please read the following details carefully before making a selection. Mark your selection on the front of your Program of Study before returning your signed copy to Sage.

Track A: Track A is one of two choices for students who wish to complete the practicum in ABA. Track A students will begin clinical practicum (ABA-510) immediately in the spring. Students on this track will continue with practicum (ABA 511) in the first summer of study, then move on to ABA 512 in the second spring. Finally ABA 513 will be completed in the second summer of study.

Track A will be the preferred option for students who already work or volunteer in an appropriate practicum setting. For guidance in determining whether your work or volunteer environment will be an acceptable practicum placement, please consult the sample contract and other information at http://www.sage.edu/academics/education/programs/aba_autism/practicum/.

Track B: Track B is the second option for students wishing to complete the practicum. Some students will enter the program without ties to an appropriate hosting agency to complete practicum requirements. Unless you can find something instantly, fitting this description means that you will want to choose Track B. Student following this track will delay beginning practicum until the summer and continue practicum until the end of the second summer semester.

For students who enter Track B, the fall semester will be used to secure a hosting agency. Sage will be happy to assist, but cannot guarantee that a placement can be found in all locations. Ultimately, it is your responsibility to secure a practicum placement that meets the criteria set forth by the BACB. Use the website listed above to read about the requirements and details. Please begin researching agencies and schools in your area for a job or a volunteer position. Call them and see if arrangements can be made to accommodate you for 17-20 hours per week, and a BCBA will need to be allowed on-site (or via web camera) to observe you each week. Keep in mind that you will need accommodations for the summer semester as well. If you are still unsure of which track you should choose after reading this and the materials on our website, please contact the ABA office at caba@sage.edu or (518) 244-2227 for assistance.

Tracks A & B Please Note: Students who work in school districts will need to determine whether or not it is possible to complete the required number of practicum hours over the summer. Sometimes scheduled summer programs are shut down due to budget cuts, so do not rely on it. Doing so may impact your whole schedule and delay graduation. Alternate placement options may need to be explored to complete practicum in the summer or graduation may be delayed.

Track C: Track C is the non-practicum Track. Students who choose Track C will not complete the four course practicum sequence (ABA-510, ABA-511, ABA-512 & ABA-513). Students who choose Track C (non-practicum) will not be eligible to take the Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) exam without the required fieldwork. Track C students are responsible for securing and completing independent fieldwork using the guidelines set forth by the BACB (www.bacb.com). Sage will not assist in securing Independent Fieldwork placements or take responsibility for your activities during Independent Fieldwork.

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