Culminating in a region-wide career event, the MS in applied behavior analysis is distinctive as the nation's only classroom-based, Behavior Analyst Certification Board-approved course sequence program at a Research I university, including 1,500+ supervised practicum hours imbedded into its curriculum across diverse fieldwork with paid placements in the Phoenix area.

**Program Description**

**Degree Awarded: MS Applied Behavior Analysis**

Offered by the Department of Psychology, this MS program in applied behavior analysis is a full-time, scientifically based, two-year program that meets the Behavior Analyst Certification Board fourth edition task list for coursework with more than 270 classroom hours and 1,500 hours of practicum fieldwork. Successful graduates will be able to sit for BACB certification and once certified, they will be eligible for state-licensure. The program's learning outcomes include mastery across three major areas as identified by the BACB: basic behavior-analytic skills, client-centered responsibilities and foundational knowledge.

Applied behavior analysis training in the Department of Psychology at ASU includes supervised experience and instruction in:

- behavior analytic attitudes such as determinism, empiricism and parsimony
- fundamental elements of behavior change and behavior change procedures
- identification, assessments and interventions for behavioral excesses, deficiencies and challenging behavior
- professional ethics and conduct of ABA
- training others in the science and practice of ABA
- use of different behavioral measurement types and systems
- use of experimental designs to determine relationships among and between measurement, relevant variables and behavior
At a Glance

- **College/School**: College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location**: Tempe campus

Degree Requirements

42 Credit hours including the required applied project course (PSB 593)

**Required Core (24 credit hours)**
- PSB 501 Basic Principles of Applied Behavior Analysis (3)
- PSB 510 Basic Principles of Experimental Analysis of Behavior (2)
- PSB 511 Advanced Research Methods (2)
- PSB 520 Ethical Issues and Professional Standards in Applied Behavior Analysis (3)
- PSB 530 Behavioral Observation and Functional Assessment (3)
- PSB 540 Development of Applied Behavioral Intervention Programs (3)
- PSB 563 Basic Principles of Organizational Behavior Management (2)
- PSB 573 Advanced Principles of Learning and Analysis of Behavior (3)
- PSB 578 Applied Behavior Analysis in Developmental Disorders (3)

**Electives or Research (4 credit hours)**
- PSB 591 Seminar (2)
- PSB 598 Special Topics (2)

**Other Requirements (9 credit hours)**
- PSB 580 Practicum: Applied Behavior Analysis (4)
- PSB 583 Fieldwork: Applied Behavior Analysis (5)

**Culminating Experience (5 credit hours)**
- PSB 593 Applied Project (5)

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's degree in psychology, human development, sociology or a closely related field from a regionally accredited institution.
Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of a student's first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. SlideRoom application and fee
3. official transcripts
4. statement of purpose form
5. applicant response form
6. curriculum vitae or resume
7. GRE scores
8. two academic letters of recommendation
9. proof of English proficiency

**Additional Application Information**
An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency.

The Department of Psychology application process is completed online through ASU's Graduate Admission Services which includes the application form and official transcripts. Application to the Department of Psychology Master of Science program in applied behavioral analysis is also completed via SlideRoom to process supplemental application materials. The SlideRoom account requires an additional fee. To apply to the program, students must follow the instructions on the applied behavioral analysis admission checklist.

It is strongly recommended that applicants download and print the Master of Science in applied behavioral analysis admission checklist to ensure completion of the application process and inclusion of all the required supplemental forms.

The statement of purpose form should describe professional and academic aspirations.

Applicants must submit two academic letters of recommendation, one of which should be from a tenure-track faculty member associated with the applicant’s most recent degree program. If the applicant's graduation year is greater than five years from the application date, then a letter from a recent or current employer may be substituted.

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