

# AUTISM AND APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS (CERT)

## Graduate Certificate in Autism and Applied Behavior Analysis

Unit: College of Education and Human Development (<http://louisville.edu/education/>) (GE)

Department: Special Education, Early Childhood, and Prevention Science (<http://louisville.edu/education/departments/sped/>)

Program Webpage (<http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/bcba-certificate/>)

Academic Plan Code(s): AABACAA, AABACAAO

## Program Information

*This program can be completed in a traditional classroom format or entirely online (<https://louisville.edu/online/>).*

The University of Louisville's Graduate Certificate in Autism and Applied Behavior Analysis provides practitioners with advanced knowledge in autism research and behavioral analytic approaches to skill development and the treatment of challenging behavior.

Students receive rigorous academic work within the program's carefully designed course sequence that is taught by faculty with practical and research experience in autism and applied behavior analysis. The reported increase in the number of children with autism suggests growth in demand for professionals trained in behavior analytic applications within schools and the community.

Candidates who intend to sit for the Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) certification exam must also accumulate field work hours. Candidates have the option to enroll in practicum credit hours through UofL and work with the program director to complete appropriate experiences. Or, candidates can accumulate field work hours on their own. However, candidates are strongly recommended to review and follow the BCBA Fieldwork Standards.

## Admission Requirements

Admission to the program requires a graduate application to the Graduate School (<http://louisville.edu/graduate/futurestudents/apply-materials/application/>).

Applicants must also have the following:

- A master's degree in Special Education, Psychology, or Behavior Analysis from an accredited institution
- Official transcripts
- Two letters of recommendation related to the applicant's work with individuals with autism
- Professional Goals Statement
- Current Resume
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL/IELTS/Duolingo) is required of all students who completed their degrees from outside the United States in which English is not the native language.

**Those intending to seek certification as a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) must hold a master's degree in Education, Psychology, or Behavior Analysis.**

### Program Requirements

## Program Coursework

Code	Title	Hours
EDSP 644	Applied Behavior Analysis	3
EDSP 650	Behavior Assessment	3
EDSP 654	Radical Behaviorism	3
EDSP 669	Single Case Research Methods and Designs	3
<i>Midpoint Assessment</i>		
EDSP 546	Behavior Analytic Approach to Communication	3
EDSP 651	Professional and Ethical Practice of Applied Behavior Analysis	3
EDSP 671	Behavior Intervention	3

### Exit Requirements

<b>Minimum Total Hours</b>	<b>21</b>
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**Midpoint Assessment:** Completion of EDSP 650 Hallmark assessment task with a rating of Satisfactory. Grades of "B-" or better in all certificate courses prior to Midpoint: EDSP 644, EDSP 654, EDSP 669 and EDSP 650.

**Exit Requirement:** Completion of intervention project and presentation with a rating of Satisfactory and grades of B- or higher in all certificate courses.

The graduate certificate in Autism and Applied Behavior Analysis prepares students to meet the requirements for certification and/or licensure. If you plan to pursue professional licensure or certification, you should first determine your state's criteria for examination and licensure to see how/if our program meets those requirements prior to enrollment. We recommend that you also contact your state's licensing board directly to verify that the requirements have not changed recently and to answer any questions especially those regarding additional requirements beyond the degree.

More information about certification or licensure is available at the following website: <https://louisville.edu/oapa/licensure-information> (<https://louisville.edu/oapa/licensure-information/>) (you may search by school or by the name of the program then click on 'View Details' to display the information).

For programs with an online option, more information about certification or licensure is available here: <https://louisville.edu/online/About-Us?tab=disclosures> (<https://louisville.edu/online/About-Us/?tab=disclosures>)