AUTISM AND APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS (CERT)

Program Information

This program can be completed in a traditional classroom format or entirely 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.

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.

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