Old Dominion University

ODU Applied Behavior Analysis Certificate

Program Information
Old Dominion University is pleased to offer a Behavior Analyst Certification Board-approved 18-credit sequence of courses leading to a certificate in applied behavior analysis. The program’s primary goal is to provide teachers and related service providers with instruction in applied behavior analysis that will broaden the range of empirically-supported instructional methodologies used to meet the academic, social, and behavioral needs of a diverse student population. The program’s secondary goal is to provide teachers and related service providers with the educational and internship requirements needed to sit for the national Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) examination.

Entrance Requirements
This program will be offered to qualified students admitted to the program. Course work will be delivered in a combined traditional face-to-face and online format offered by ODU. An applicant must (a) have a master’s degree from an accredited university or the equivalent from a foreign institution in one of the following areas: education, psychology or behavior analysis OR (b) be accepted into and currently pursuing a master’s degree offered by an accredited university in one of the following areas: education, psychology or behavior analysis.

Coursework:
Courses required to complete the ODU Applied Behavioral Analysis certificate program include the following courses. **Total hours required:** 18 hours of coursework as follows

**SPED 640. Applied Behavior Analysis: Principles, Procedures, and Philosophy.** Lecture 3 hours; 3 credits. Prerequisite: Admission to applied behavior analysis graduate certificate program. This course focuses on basic principles and procedures of applied behavior analysis; identification of factors that contribute to behavioral problems and improved performance; and procedures that can be used to minimize behavioral problems, improve performance, teach new behaviors, and increase probability of behaviors occurring under appropriate circumstances.

**SPED 641. Applied Behavior Analysis: Empirical Bases.** Lecture 3 hours; 3 credits. Prerequisite: Admission to applied behavior analysis graduate certificate program. Co/Prerequisite: Completion of SPED 640 Applied Behavior Analysis: Principles, Procedures and Philosophy or consent of the instructor. This course focuses on basic content of applied behavior analysis. This course teaches how to implement behavioral procedures and develop behavioral programs for clients with fundamental behavioral needs.

**SPED 642. Ethics and Professional Conduct for Behavior Analysts.** Lecture 3 hours; 3 credits. Prerequisite: Admission to applied behavior analysis graduate certificate program and completion of SPED 640 Applied Behavior Analysis: Principles, Procedures and Philosophy or consent of the instructor. This course provides a basis in Virginia Behavior Analyst Licensure law, the Behavior Analyst Certification Board’s *Guidelines for Responsible Conduct* and *Disciplinary Standards*, and professional conduct consistent with the practice of applied behavior analysis.
SPED 643. Applied Behavior Analysis: Assessments and Interventions. Lecture 3 hours; 3 credits. Prerequisite: Admission to applied behavior analysis graduate certificate program and completion of SPED 640 Applied Behavior Analysis: Principles, Procedures and Philosophy or consent of the instructor. This course further expands on basic content of applied behavior analysis and teaches how to implement behavioral procedures and develop behavioral programs for clients with fundamental behavioral needs.

SPED 644. Applied Behavior Analysis: Applications. Lecture 3 hours; 3 credits. Prerequisite: Completion of SPED 640 Applied Behavior Analysis: Principles, Procedures and Philosophy; SPED 641 Applied Behavior Analysis: Empirical Bases; and SPED 643 Applied Behavior Analysis: Assessments and Interventions (SPED 643 may be taken as a co-requisite) or consent of the instructor. This course expands capability to deal with more complex behavioral situations, enabling ability to relate to more sophisticated professional issues and environments.

SPED 645. Applied Behavior Analysis: Verbal Behavior. Lecture 3 hours; 3 credits. Prerequisite: Admission to applied behavior analysis graduate certificate program and completion of SPED 643 Applied Behavior Analysis: Assessments and Interventions. This course further expands capability to deal with more complex behavioral situations, and enables students to relate to more sophisticated professional issues and environments.

Optional Internship: SPED 769. Practicum in Applied Behavior Analysis. 3, 6 Credits. This course may be taken as an elective for students who complete the ODU ABA certificate program and wish to complete the 15 total required practicum credit hours to sit for the National ABA Board Examination. Course can be repeated up to 5 times. Contact Dr. Laura Chezan for deadlines.
Application for ODU ABA Certificate Program

1. ODU University Identification Number*: _________  
2. Desired semester of entry: _____

3. Name: _________________________________________________________

4. Mailing Address: _______________________________________________________________________________________

5. Home Phone: (    )____-_____          Work Phone: (    )____-_____

6. E-Mail Address: ____________________________

7. Residency: Are you claiming Virginia residency? □ No □ Yes (If yes, must complete the application for in-state tuition rates*)

8. Education  List in chronological order all educational institutions attended beyond high school, including ODU, if applicable. Begin with the most recent enrollment; include part time and non-degree studies. Applicants educated outside of the U.S. must indicate all secondary and post-secondary institutions.

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9. Professional Experience  List in chronological order all professional experiences, including employment, volunteer work, and internships. Begin with the most recent; include part time and full time employment.

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10. License: Enclose copy of current teaching license, if applicable.

11. Transcripts: Enclose official transcript(s) to verify completion or in-progress status of a master’s degree from an accredited university.

12. Certification I certify that the information submitted in support of my application in complete and accurate. I understand that inaccurate information may affect admission and may be grounds for dismissal.

Signature of applicant: ___________________________    Date: __________________

Print and complete the form and return to: Dr. Laura Chezan/Old Dominion University/110 Child Study Center/Norfolk, VA 23529. Or fax to: (757) 683-4129

*You must apply to Old Dominion University as a non-degree seeking student: http://www.odu.edu/admission/non-degree-admission