

# Master's Degree in SPECIAL EDUCATION APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS



## THE PROGRAM

The Master's Degree in special education with a concentration in **APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS (ABA)** is a fully online graduate degree. The rich curriculum provides students with foundations and applications of ABA principles, including, but not limited to, the design and implementation of intervention strategies to teach socially valid behavior, intended to increase social participation and enhance quality of life.

The well organized, fast-track coursework prepares behavior-analytic professionals to work/consult in schools, early intervention agencies, community/residential settings and universities. Full-time students can complete this degree within 20-24 months.

The knowledge and skills gained from the program serve as the foundation and preparation for the Board Certified Behavior Analyst® (BCBA) examination. The Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI®) verified the program sequence (#51327) as meeting the coursework requirement for eligibility to apply for the BCBA certification exam. Additional requirements by the **Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB®)** include supervised fieldwork experience, degree status and examination. Get full details on their website at [www.bacb.com](http://www.bacb.com).

## COURSES

### SPECIAL EDUCATION CORE – 15-18 credits

- Assessing Students with Disabilities
- Enhancing Collaborations between Schools, Communities & Families of Students with Special Needs
- Instructional Design in Special Education
- Program Evaluation of Special Education Programs, Supports & Services
- Special Education Leadership, Policy & Ethics
- Thesis or Field Project (optional)

### \*ABA CONCENTRATION – 21 credits

- Advanced ABA
- Applied Behavior Analysis
- Behavior Analytic Supervision & Management
- Behavior Analytic Teaching
- Behavior Assessment & Intervention
- Behavior Change & Management Strategies
- Ethics in ABA

\* Note: These courses only partially fulfill the requirements for BCBA® Certification. Additional requirements are described at [www.bacb.com](http://www.bacb.com)



*Fully Online Degree*

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# How to **APPLY**

A large, white, three-dimensional sign for Florida Atlantic University (FAU) is mounted on a blue and white structure. The letters 'FAU' are prominently displayed in a large, serif font. Below them, the words 'FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY' are written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font. The sign is set against a backdrop of palm trees and a clear blue sky with some clouds.

## **APPLICATION**

To be considered for admission into the Master's program in the Department of Special Education, applicants must complete a graduate application online through FAU's Graduate College at <https://www.fau.edu/graduate>; select *M.Ed. in Exceptional Student Education*.

Students are admitted for Fall (August) or Spring (January) entry. Application deadlines for fall entry: July 1 (Domestic) or February 15 (International); Spring semester entry: November 1 (Domestic) or July 15 (International).

## **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

### **Domestic Applicants**

- Bachelor's Degree
- An undergraduate Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.0 or if GPA is below 3.0, applicants may submit 1 letter of recommendation from (education related field) employer or current/former university instructor
- Personal statement not exceeding three double spaced pages, indicating applicant's reasons for pursuing a Master's degree and career goals

### **International Applicants**

- Bachelor's Degree (w/ course-by-course evaluation of international transcripts if applicable)
- An undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 or if GPA is below 3.0, applicants may submit 1 letter of recommendation from (education related field) employer or current/former university instructor
- Personal statement not exceeding three double spaced pages, indicating applicant's reasons for pursuing a Master's degree and career goals
- TOEFL score of 500 or IBT of 61; IELTS 6.0; Duolingo 90

***Complete Graduate College applications are forwarded to the Department of Special Education for a decision.***



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