

Old Dominion University

Virginia Applied Behavior Analysis Consortium Certificate

Program Information

The VA-ABA Consortium is comprised of four universities: George Mason University, Lynchburg College, Old Dominion University, and Virginia Commonwealth University. Old Dominion University has opted to join the VA-ABA Consortium to help in meeting Virginia staffing needs for ABA-certified teachers. The Consortium's primary goal is to provide teachers with instruction in applied behavior analysis that will broaden the range of empirically-supported teaching methodologies that they effectively use to meet the academic, social, and behavioral learning needs of diverse students. The Consortium's secondary goal is to provide teachers with the educational and experiential requirements needed for them to sit for the national Behavior Analyst Certification Examination.

Program Requirements

Entrance Requirements:

Preference is given in the following order:

1. Individuals with a master's degree from an accredited university that was (a) conferred in behavior analysis, education, or psychology, or (b) conferred in a degree program in which the candidate completed a BACB approved course sequence. Qualifying masters degrees must be conferred by: A United States institution of higher education listed in the CHEA [Database of Institutions and Programs Accredited by Recognized U.S. Accrediting Organizations](#); OR A Canadian institution of higher education that is a member of the [Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada](#) or the [Association of Canadian Community Colleges](#); OR an institution of higher education located outside the United States or Canada that, at the time the applicant was enrolled and at the time the applicant graduated, maintained a standard of training equivalent to the standards of training of those institutions accredited in the United States as demonstrated by [World Education Services](#) or by a member of the [National Association of Credential Evaluation Services](#) (BACB.com, 2013).
2. Individuals 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 and meeting the above criteria.

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.

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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.

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ODU Application for VA-ABA Consortium Certificate Program

1. ODU University Identification Number*: _____ 2. Desired year of entry: Fall _____

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.

Name of Educational institution Location: city, state, country (if not U.S.)	Dates of attendance From mo/yr to mo/yr	Hours attempted GPA	Major	Degree awarded/expected Date awarded/expected

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.

Place of Employment Location: city, state, country	Dates of employment From mo/yr to mo/yr	Position	Direct Supervisor	Job Responsibilities

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 is 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>