

Applied Behavior Analysis at University of Houston - Clear Lake

The Applied Behavior Analysis Program

The goal of the program is to provide students with a well-rounded foundation in psychology and applied behavior analysis through an integrated sequence of coursework, practicum, and research activities.

Students obtain competency in the basic principles of learning and the application of these principles with particular emphasis on interventions for individuals with disabilities. Practicum and research experiences are available in home, school, and clinic settings. All students complete a major research project prior to graduation.

Students who complete the requirements of the program are eligible to sit for the Board Certified Behavior Analyst exam.

A number of graduate assistantships are available each year.

For additional information, contact the faculty coordinator:

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Course Sequence

As part of the requirements for the M.A. in Psychology, students who are admitted into the Applied Behavior Analysis Sub-plan complete the following course sequence:

- Learning Principles
- Applied Behavior Analysis
- Behavioral Assessment
- Field Work in Applied Behavior Analysis: Parts I and II
- Behavioral Medicine or Behavior Therapy
- Practicum in Applied Behavior Analysis



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Faculty

Jennifer Austin, Ph.D., BCBA

Florida State University, 1999
Assistant Professor, specialization in school-based functional assessment and intervention, teacher training, instructional strategies

Hilary Karp, Ph.D.

University of Chicago, 1975
Associate Professor, specialization in learning principles, behavior therapy and signal detection theory.

Dorothea C. Lerman, Ph.D., BCBA

University of Florida, 1995
Professor, specialization in autism and developmental disabilities, functional analysis, treatment of severe behavior disorders, and parent and teacher training.

Mary B. Short, Ph.D.

Western Michigan University, 1999
Assistant Professor, specialization in pediatrics, behavioral medicine, and women's health.

Certificate Program

A certificate-only option in applied behavior analysis is also available for qualified applicants. The Applied Behavior Analysis Certificate is designed for individuals who have already earned a master's degree in Psychology or a related discipline and who would like to complete the coursework and practicum required to sit for the Board Certified Behavior Analyst exam.