ENHANCING THE POTENTIAL TO LEARN.

Program Overview

Employment demand for behavior analysts is increasing nationwide. Join this growing field, with a certificate from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM).

Our ABA certificate program is designed to meet the needs of working professionals by providing flexible, convenient access to coursework through a one-year, 21-credit online program. Additionally, the ABA certificate program meets the guidelines established by the ASSOCIATION FOR BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS INTERNATIONAL (ABAI) to provide the course content required for the Board-certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) credential.

The online certificate program is designed for individuals interested in learning about behavioral assessment and intervention as it relates to positive change within the learning environment, as well as home and other applied settings. Individuals who can benefit from this program include behavior specialists, teachers, therapists, educational consultants, school psychologists, social workers, clinical psychologists and medical professionals.
UPON COMPLETION OF THE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM, STUDENTS WILL HAVE SOLID SKILLS IN THE AREAS OF COMPREHENSIVE BEHAVIORAL ASSESSMENT, INTERVENTION AND CONSULTATION.

THE ABAI HAS VERIFIED OUR COURSES TOWARD THE COURSEWORK REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY TO TAKE THE BOARD CERTIFIED BEHAVIOR ANALYST OR BOARD-CERTIFIED ASSISTANT BEHAVIOR ANALYST EXAMINATION.

STUDENTS MAY COMPLETE THE ABA CERTIFICATION WITHOUT MATRICULATING INTO THE MS IN SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM.

IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE BCBA CREDENTIAL, STUDENTS MUST ALSO COMPLETE A SUPERVISED FIELD EXPERIENCE, HAVE A QUALIFYING DEGREE AND PASS AN EXAM.

Our ABAI and Series-5 approved coursework has a focus on supporting the needs of children with neurodevelopmental disabilities such as autism, and their families, in a variety of settings.

PCOM has two options for admission into the certification program:

Our first option, the Certificate of Graduate Studies program, requires a bachelor’s degree for admission. Our second option, the Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies program, requires an MS for admission. This certificate is also available as part of the curriculum offered in the MS in School Psychology program.

Both options offer the same coursework:

TERM 1 (FALL): Basic Principles in Applied Behavior Analysis; Theories of Learning and Behavior

TERM 2 (WINTER): Single-Case Experimental Design; Behavior Assessment

TERM 3 (SPRING): Behavior Change and Systems Support; Clinical Supervision, Management and Training

TERM 4 (SUMMER): Ethics, Law and Professional Practice

Our ABA certificate program is offered online in both synchronous and asynchronous formats. The synchronous format allows for real-time interaction with instructors and peers. The asynchronous format allows our students to complete the coursework on their own time and schedule.

To find out more about our admissions requirements or to apply, please visit pcom.edu/admissions.

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