



MS in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)



Brighter Futures Start with the Science of Behavior.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

With an emphasis in behavioral pediatrics, our **Master of Science (MS) in ABA** program is designed to train highly skilled professionals capable of assessing and supporting individuals with neurodevelopmental and behavioral disorders. Students are prepared to work in a variety of pediatric settings including clinical, medical, residential, community and educational. Our program brings the evidence-based practice of ABA into focus by teaching a stronger foundation in the theory and science of applied behavior analysis. We believe in training future behavior analysts to be thoroughly prepared to support the needs of all children with social, emotional and behavioral needs in order to foster socially adaptive behavior.

We are committed to training behavior analysts who are well equipped to offer holistic behavioral health services to enrich the lives of the children they serve. We provide our students with the opportunity to consult and collaborate with students from other medical-related disciplines. The program is also dedicated to preparing students to promote social justice through culturally responsive practice and advocacy to ensure equity for all children.



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TO HELP STUDENTS PREPARE FOR THE BCBA EXAM, **THE MS IN ABA PROGRAM INCLUDES SUPERVISED FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE AND EXAM PREPARATION ACTIVITIES.**

STARTING FROM DAY ONE OF THE MASTER'S PROGRAM, STUDENTS CAN BEGIN ACCRUING HOURS OF FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE WHILE MAXIMIZING OPPORTUNITIES TO INTEGRATE THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS LEARNED THROUGH COURSEWORK.

STUDENTS WILL COMPLETE A ONE-YEAR ABA PRACTICUM DURING THEIR SPRING TERM AND ACCRUE A MINIMUM OF 100 HOURS TOWARD THEIR BOARD CERTIFIED BEHAVIOR ANALYST (BCBA) SUPERVISED FIELD EXPERIENCE (IF THE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS OF THE BACB ARE MET BY THE PLACEMENT).

AT PCOM, COMMUNITY CONNECTION AND ENGAGEMENT IS AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF STUDENT LIFE. WE HAVE OVER 50 STUDENT CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT STUDENTS CAN JOIN TO ENRICH THEIR EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE.

PROGRAM BASICS

Rooted in behavioral pediatrics, students are trained in the foundational skills of comprehensive behavioral assessment, consultation and intervention.

MS in ABA courses are taught by expert faculty who are Board Certified Behavior Analysts and psychologists with extensive applied clinical experience. Additionally, these courses are offered within a dynamic medical school environment that offers opportunities for interprofessional education and collaboration. The program also provides supervised fieldwork, research experience and faculty mentorship.

Our ABAI and 5th Edition Task List 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.

Additionally, the ABA master's program meets the coursework requirements verified by the Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI) to provide the course content required for the Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) exam.

PROGRAM LOCATION

Located at PCOM's main campus in Philadelphia, our ABA Master's Program is delivered in a hybrid format, with learning split between online and in person. Online programming is a combination of live discussion with instructors and classmates and asynchronous learning.

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STARTS HERE!**



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