Graduate Programs in Applied Behavior Analysis

Programs Offered:
- Master's Degree - 31 credits
- Advanced Certificate - 28 credits

* New York State Education Department (NYSED) registered ABA licensure-qualifying program located in the Buffalo Region

Mission:
The Daemen College ABA Program advances the field of behavior analysis to improve lives through education, research, and promotion of ethical, evidence-based practices.

Definition of Applied Behavior Analysis:
"A Licensed Behavior Analysts designs, implements and evaluates environmental modifications, using behavioral stimuli and consequences, to produce socially significant improvement in human behavior, including the use of direct observation, measurement, and functional analysis of the relationship between environment and behavior. " (New York State Education Department – Office of Professions).

A Word from the Program Director:
"This is an exciting opportunity for students interested in working with people with Autism Spectrum Disorders and for pursuing a career as a Behavior Analyst in Western New York. Graduates of the program will be eligible to apply for licensure in New York State as a Licensed Behavior Analyst without the need to complete any additional coursework. Once a license in behavior analysis is obtained, the practitioner can provide behavior analytic services for people with autism spectrum disorders or related disorders."

Applied Behavior Analysis Program Outline:
- Evening classes are geared toward the working professional.
- Courses will include didactic, interactive, and clinical components, and will be delivered on Daemen's main campus in multiple formats including traditional classroom instruction infused with interactive activities.
- Can be completed in two years.
- Both programs feature the NYSED required practicum that includes 150 hours of supervised clinical work under the direction of a Licensed Behavior Analyst.
- Daemen's program is both NYS Registered and BACB VCS.

Why Applied Behavior Analysis @ Daemen?
- Experienced faculty to provide real- life examples and opportunities to learn in the area of ABA.
- Enjoy partnerships with local service agencies for experience hours
- Have opportunities to practice the development and evaluation of intervention- behavior change elements, procedures, and systems.
- Learn ethical and professional practice in working with families, members of the community, and other practitioners.
- Following completion of the program, graduates will be eligible to apply for licensure in New York State as a Licensed Behavior Analyst and to the Behavior Analyst Certification Board TM (BACB) as a Board Certified Behavior Analyst.

What to Expect in the Field of Applied Behavior Analysis

According to an analysis conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in May of 2017, New York State employs 11,230 Applied Behavior Analysts. The average hourly wage is $43 per hour and the average salary wage is $89,430 for an Applied Behavior Analyst.

Applied Behavior Analysis Careers

- Behavior Analyst
- Applied Behavior Analysis Therapist
- Behavior Consultant
- Behavior Specialist
- Behavior Therapist
- Behavior Interventionist
- Behavior Technician
- Behavioral Health Specialist
- Behavioral Healthcare Manager
- Clinical Supervisor

- Behavior Support Consultant
- Behavior Support Specialist
- Associate Behavior Analyst
- Behavior Interventionist

Other professionals who may be interested in the ABA licensure-qualifying program:
- Educator
- School Administrator
- School Psychologist
- Psychologist

Application Process

Students interested in applying to the ABA program should submit an application to the graduate admissions office that will be evaluated on the basis of:

Master's Degree Program Candidates Must:	Advanced Certificate Program Candidates Must:
• Possess a bachelor's degree (from an accredited college or university) in: Education, Special Education, Psychology, Applied Behavior Analysis, or a related field that specifically addresses learning or behavioral changes. • Provide official transcript(s) from all accredited colleges or universities attended indicating the award of an undergraduate degree. • Provide evidence of a cumulative undergraduate grade point average of at least 3.00. • Submit scores from the Graduate Record Exam (GRE).	• Possess a master's degree (from an accredited college or university) in: Education, Special Education, Psychology, or Applied Behavior Analysis. • Provide official transcript(s) from all accredited colleges or universities attended indicating the award of a graduate degree. • Provide evidence of a cumulative graduate grade point average of at least 3.00.

All Program Candidates Must:

- Provide a copy of a current resume, including all certifications and licensures.
- Provide a written statement describing personal and educational goals and objectives.
- Provide two letters of recommendation- preferably including one professional reference and one character reference.
- Participate in a personal interview with the ABA Program Director, Vicki Madaus Knapp, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LBA.

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