What is Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)?

Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) is a method of applied, psychological science-based, observation and intervention that identifies and works toward individuals’ cognitive, social, and independence goals. ABA services are used for individuals diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Intellectual Disabilities, and related disorders.

This is a new career oriented option for students majoring in Psychology, Education, Health Care Studies, and several other fields. No other college or university in Western New York, west of Rochester, offers an ABA course sequence.

Why +PLUS Applied Behavior Analysis?

- Students will learn to develop, deliver, and evaluate the effectiveness of applied behavior intervention for learners with autism and related disorders.
- Students may complete required practice hours through an internship and through supervised employment with an Applied Behavior Analyst.
- Graduates from this program may move on to graduate school or gain employment in health care, human service agencies, BOCES, schools, and businesses.

+PLUS Applied Behavior Analysis: Coursework

- ABA 248, ABA 248-L, ABA 249 and ABA 250 cover the scientific basis of behavior analysis, specific techniques of behavior change, measurement and assessment of behavior, and ethical and professional aspects of behavior analysis.
- To earn BCaBA certification, students must complete supervised internship experiences, which can be a combination of Career Field Experience courses for academic credit, and paid or volunteer work experience under supervision of behavior analysts. Students can start accumulating these hours after taking one ABA course.
- After completing ABA 248 and 248-L some practice hours, and a practical examination, students may qualify as Registered Behavior Technicians (RBT) and qualify for part-time employment while completing their degrees.
- On completing Bachelor’s degrees, course work and internship hours, students are eligible to take an examination to qualify as Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analysts.
- After graduation, students may pursue graduate study in Psychology or Education, plus additional Behavior Analysis courses and practice hours, and an examination at the Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) level, qualifying for independent practice.

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