APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS, MS

Department of Psychology, College of Arts and Sciences; Munroe Meyer Institute, UNMC

Vision Statement

The University of Nebraska Omaha and Munroe Meyer Institute (MMI) Applied Behavior Analysis Program’s mission is to graduate students who have met high levels of academic excellence in clinical and research skills in applied behavior analysis and mental/behavioral health. The ABA Program trains students in a behavior analytic orientation to provide much needed services for children and adolescents, including those with behavioral and neurodevelopmental disabilities. The MS degree is for those individuals with a bachelor’s degree seeking a master’s degree and a program of coursework and practicum leading to Board Certification in Behavior Analysis. There is also a certificate program [SK1] (http://catalog.unomaha.edu/applewediata://2B51E1A9-BB80-4634-B7F7-C8070E5ACB08) for those individuals who already have a masters, Educational Specialist or PhD degree and wish to acquire additional knowledge and skills in applied behavior analysis.

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Program Website (https://www.unomaha.edu/college-of-arts-and-sciences/psychology/academics/graduate-programs/aba-program/)

Other Program Related Information

The UNO and MMI ABA MS program leads to Board Certification in Behavior Analysis (BCBA). This involves completion of (1) the program’s Association for Behavior Analysis International Verified Course Sequence (listed below) and (2) the Behavior Analyst Certification Board fieldwork experience (1500-2000 hours). See BACB website (http://bacb.com/) for more details on attaining BCBA.

The program coursework also addresses content areas required for license as a mental health practitioner in Nebraska. Upon completion of the program, students will have obtained necessary prerequisites for Provisional Licensure as a Mental Health Practitioner (PLMHP) in the state of Nebraska. See the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services website for more details on attaining PLMHP.

The majority of coursework is online. However, most online courses require a synchronous meeting, typically weekly, which students will join via Zoom video. All courses, including online courses, follow a semester schedule sequence.

Admissions

General Application Requirements and Admissions Criteria (http://catalog.unomaha.edu/graduate/admission/)

Program-Specific Requirements

Application Deadlines (Fall 2022)

- Fall: January 10

Other Requirements

- A minimum of 15 undergraduate semester hours (or the equivalent) of psychology courses including: basic statistics and an upper level laboratory course, independent research, or equivalent, emphasizing the experimental method, data collection, statistical analysis, and report writing are required.

- Entrance Exam: Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
- English Language Proficiency: Applicants are required to have a command of oral and written English. Those who do not hold a baccalaureate or other advanced degree from the United States, OR a baccalaureate or other advanced degree from a predetermined country on the waiver list (https://www.unomaha.edu/graduate-studies/prospective-students/Proof%20of%20English%20Proficiency-%20International.pdf), must meet the minimum language proficiency score requirement in order to be considered for admission.

- Statement of Purpose: The statement of purpose should include: the applicant’s purpose in applying for graduate study, the particular area of specialization within the major field, the applicant’s plans for future occupation or profession, and any additional information that may aid the selection committee in evaluating your preparation and your aptitude for graduate study. The applicant should specifically address your goals and objectives in pursuing graduate study.
- Writing Sample: Senior authored writing sample
- Resume
- Letters of Recommendation: Three required

Degree Requirements

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Select one of the following:

- PSYC 9960 | RESEARCH OTHER THAN THESIS (3 hours) |
- PSYC 8990 | THESIS (6 hours) |

Total Credits 48-51

1 Students may take these courses through UNMC, Munroe Meyer Institute (MMI) by completing an intercampus registration form.
Exit Requirement

- Comprehensive Examination

The ABA Handbook (https://www.unomaha.edu/college-of-arts-and-sciences/psychology/academics/graduate-programs/aba-program/) is a comprehensive resource for prospective and current students in the Applied Behavior Analysis program at UNO. Refer to this document for information concerning the program content, training, policies, research, and more.