

## Master of Science (MS) Applied Behavioral Analysis

### Degree Program

- A 39-hour, online-based graduate program meeting the requirements for national Board Certified Behavior Analyst® (BCBA®) certification and leading to eligibility to sit for the national BCBA examination
- The M.S. in ABA Program prepares behavior experts who provide the needed assistance in our region. If you are a professional who assists individuals who have behavioral concerns, or for school personnel who provide instruction and guidance directly to children in inclusive settings, this program supports your knowledge, understanding, and implementation of research-driven strategies that improve the quality of life of children and families.

### Program Website

[https://coe.umsl.edu/mycoe/p2\\_pe/viewProgram/program\\_id/MS.SpecEd-ABA](https://coe.umsl.edu/mycoe/p2_pe/viewProgram/program_id/MS.SpecEd-ABA)

### Application Requirements

1. Graduate School Application
  - a. <http://umsl.edu/go/Apply-Now>
2. Statement of Purpose
3. Letter of Intent
  - a. 1-2 pages; Description of individual goals and areas of interest.
4. One Letter of Recommendation
  - a. Letters that address academic potential must be provided by individuals who can accurately assess it such as previous instructors, professors, etc.
5. Transcripts
  - a. Official transcripts for all prior higher education institutions.
  - b. By the time of enrollment, prospective students must have obtained a baccalaureate degree or the equivalent from an accredited college or university.
6. Entrance examination(s)
  - a. International students are required to document English proficiency by providing scores from an internationally accepted standardized examination before a decision is made on admission.
7. Grade Point Average
  - a. Minimum of 3.0 on 4.0 scale

### Application Deadline

Applications are processed as they are submitted. However, applications that are not received by the posted date may delay admission until the following semester.

- Fall term – July 1

### Application Fee

\$50 for domestic applicants; \$40 for international applicants

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