

Applied Behavior Analysis

Background –

Process of applying interventions based on learning theory. Goal is to promote and improve socially significant behaviors to a meaningful degree. Job titles in this field include Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA), Behavioral Health Technician, Behavior Consultants, etc. Daily activities may include working directly with clients in multiple settings (home, clinic, school, etc.), consulting with teachers and school staff to complete functional behavioral analyses, or training analysts who are working towards licensure.

What do people earn in this career? Median Salary of \$60, 075*

What classes at GVSU may help me to prepare working in Applied Behavior Analysis?

Discuss with your advisor which courses among those on this list, along with other courses not listed here, would best serve your career goals.

1. **PSY 310** - Behavior Modification
2. **PSY 303** – Psychopathology
3. **PSY 304** - Exceptional Child
4. **PSY 326** - Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
5. **ABA Certificate GVSU – Post Undergraduate Course Sequence**
 - a. 18 credits (1-2.5 years) and fully aligns with the coursework required to take the BCBA exam
 - b. Additional outside supervision hours (1500) are required to become licensed
 - c. Additional information - <http://www.gvsu.edu/acad-view.htm?pdfId=A9FE898C-DF90-3CBD-195C5915F5F5D089>



What skills are important for someone working in this field to have? Those working in this field should strive to have strong communication and analytical skills, attention to detail (needed for accurate observation), the ability to work in a fast-paced setting, a genuine desire to help people function at their full potential and patience for those who are working their way there.

Employer Possibilities -

1. During undergraduate degree (part-time & without BCBA)
 - a. Example of Role: Supportive Services 1:1 assistance to a child in their home while supporting their building of tasks leading to greater independence
2. Community Mental Health
 - a. While you're getting supervision hours or you are certified you can work facilitating and supporting ABA for Autism programs

For Additional on Applied Behavior Analysis - <https://www.bacb.com/>

*Salary – Median salary after 10 year of experience (appliedbehavioranalysisedu.org)