Concentration in Behavioral Services for Children and their Families

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who is eligible to enroll in the Concentration?

Enrollment is limited to Psychology majors. Additionally, students must complete an application process in order to enroll (obtain from Brenda Harkins [harkinsb@rowan.edu]). Before completing the application the student must complete Learning and Behaviorism and receive a B- or better. Students will only be admitted in to the Concentration if they have an express interest in becoming a Board Certified assistant Behavior Analyst (BCaBA) or a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA). For more information about these certifications please visit the BACB.com or contact the Concentration advisor (Dr. Raiff, raiff@rowan.edu).

2. How do I apply to the Concentration?

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3. What are the requirements of the Concentration?

The concentration is comprised of 6 required courses: Learning and Behaviorism, Single Subject Design, Functional Behavior Assessment, Applied Behavior Analysis, Professional Issues in Applied Behavior Analysis, and Fieldwork in Applied Behavior Analysis.

4. How long does it take to complete the Concentration?

Because of pre-requisite requirements, the Concentration should take no fewer than 3 semesters, but it can take up to 5 semesters to complete.

5. Can the Concentration be completed online?

No. There are several required courses in the Concentration that are only offered in a face-to-face classroom setting. Therefore, if you wish to be in the Concentration you must be on campus.

- 6. For what kind of career does the Concentration prepare me? The Concentration provides students with the coursework required to become a Board Certified assistant Behavior Analyst (BCaBA). Additional supervised experience is required before the certification exam can be completed. The most common types of careers involve working in residential facilities, homes, or schools addressing behavioral deficits or excesses in children and/or adults who have been diagnosed with a developmental disability or autism spectrum disorder. However, the field of Applied Behavior Analysis is broad and therefore can be applied to a host of socially significant problems.
- 7. How do I enroll in the Fieldwork in ABA class? You must get special permission to enroll in the Fieldwork course, which is a required course in the Concentration. You can contact Brenda Harkins (harkinsb@rowan.edu) to get an application to apply for the course. Only students enrolled in the Concentration are allowed to sign up for the Fieldwork course.