

# M.S. in Applied Behavior Analysis

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# Applied Behavior Analysis

- Variety of Populations Served
  - Developmental Disabilities
  - Autism
  - Senior-Care
  - Traumatic Brain Injury
  - Athletes
  - Business and Industry
  - Social Issues

# Applied Behavior Analysis

- Variety in Work Settings
  - Schools
  - Homes
  - Community Mental Health Centers
  - Public/Private Hospitals
  - Business and Industry

# Applied Behavior Analysis

- Evidence-based and Empirical
- Employers Hiring Behavior Analysts By Name
  - Demand Outstrips Supply
- Professional Credentialing
  - Consumer-driven

# Board Certified Behavior Analyst<sup>®</sup>

- Degree requirement
  - Ph.D. and Masters = BCBA<sup>®</sup>
  - Baccalaureate = BCABA<sup>®</sup>
- Coursework requirement (BCBA<sup>®</sup>)
  - 225 classroom hours graduate-level instruction
    - 3 s.h. = 45 classroom hours

# Board Certified Behavior Analyst®

- Experience requirement
  - 1500 hours supervised fieldwork
    - 10 hours per week (min.) 30 hrs week (max.)
    - 5% supervised (75 hours)
- Examination
  - 150 multiple-choice questions (4 hours)

# Licensure v. Certification

- Licensure
  - LCSW, LPC, MFT
  - Location-based
  - What things you are “allowed” to do
- Certification
  - Psychologists, doctors, yogis, etc.
  - Location-independent
  - Core competency

# Why Certification?

- Consumer-Driven
  - Parents as advocates
- Quality Control
  - “Gold rush”
  - Significant variance in training
- Equalizer

# Rationale

- Purpose
  - Train students in behavior analysis through a balanced combination of in-class **coursework** and practical **experience** in community settings
  - Students will be strongly encouraged to become Board Certified Behavior Analysts®

# Rationale

- Ohio State University
  - Doctoral-level only
- Nationally, demand outstrips supply
  - \$45 to \$65k per year (Master's degree)
- Association for Behavior Analysis, Intl.
  - Membership ***doubled*** since 1997
- 81 behavior analysis programs in the U.S.

# Coursework

- 24 s.h. behavior analysis courses
- 3 s.h. elective
- 12 s.h. fieldwork
- 6 s.h. thesis

**45 s.h. total**

- Optional 1-2 year internships available
  - PA, TN, GA, AR, NY, WV

# Admission Requirements

- Cumulative GPA 3.0 (Min.)
- Satisfactory GRE (V + Q  $\approx$ 1000)
- Three Letters of Recommendation
- Letter of Intent
- Personal Interview (Optional)

# Administration

- Department of Psychology
  - 16 full-time
  - 4 constitute core ABA faculty
- Behavior Analysis Training Committee
  - Core faculty to make administrative and advisory decisions
    - Admissions, Curriculum, Planning, Governance

Questions / Comments?

**Thank You For Your Time!**