

# BECOME A BOARD CERTIFIED BEHAVIOR ANALYST

At the University of South Carolina, we offer two paths for you to earn this valuable credential.

Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs®) help children and adults become more independent in their current and future environments. Although BCBAs® can work with many different populations, most work with children and adults with autism spectrum disorder and related disabilities.

As a BCBA®, you will conduct assessments and develop instructional programs to increase skills, decrease challenging behaviors, and improve quality of life. This nationally-recognized credential allows you to work in a variety of settings, including the home, school, and community.

To become a Board Certified Behavior Analyst, you must:

- Have a master's degree
- Complete seven graduate-level courses (315 hours) in Applied Behavior Analysis
- Complete experience hours under the supervision of a BCBA®
- Pass the BCBA® exam

At the University of South Carolina, we offer the seven graduate-level courses and the supervised experience required to sit for the BCBA® exam. Our verified course sequence consists of the following courses:

- EDEX 610 – Instruction of Students with Severe and Multiple Disabilities
- EDEX 615 - Curriculum and Language Instruction for Students with Severe and Multiple Disabilities
- EDEX 715 – Applied Behavior Analysis in Special Education
- EDEX 716 – Functional Behavior Assessment and Behavior Intervention Plans
- EDEX 717 – Research and Ethics in Behavior Analysis
- EDEX 719 - Advanced Applied Behavior Analysis
- EDEX 809 – Single-Case Research in Special Education

You can meet the full requirement for experience hours by successfully completing 15 credits of our practicum course: EDEX 718 – Intensive Practicum in Applied Behavior Analysis.

## THERE ARE TWO PATHS TO BECOME A BCBA® AT USC

### 1. If you **do not** have a master's degree:

We offer a 36-credit Master of Education in Applied Behavior Analysis that includes the BCBA® courses and practicum.

### 2. If you **already** have a master's degree:

You can apply to take our BCBA® courses and practicum as a non-degree seeking student.

Please contact Katie Wolfe at [kmwolfe@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:kmwolfe@mailbox.sc.edu) with inquiries about the Board Certified Behavior Analyst® program and related master's degrees, or visit the program website at:

<https://qrgo.page.link/XgLmj>

