



# KEAN

## Master of Arts in Special Education *Option: Applied Behavior Analysis and Autism Spectrum Disorders*

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**Program Description:** This Master's in Applied Behavior Analysis and Autism Spectrum Disorders is rooted in the science of applied behavior analysis (ABA). The master's program is designed for those who are not certified teachers (although teachers are welcome) and would like to pursue becoming a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA®). At Kean University, you will develop an evidenced-based approach to teaching students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and other Developmental Disabilities. You will learn how to design, implement, and evaluate individualized teaching procedures through the use of empirically validated principles of learning and ABA. Master's students will be required to conduct a Master's Thesis. The skills acquired in our program will promote best practices and provide graduate students with the skills to improve the quality of life of their learners.

### Admission Requirements

In addition to the University's admissions requirements:

- Baccalaureate with a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average
- Official transcripts from all institutions attended
- Three Letters of Recommendation (professional experience)
- An appropriate scholarly writing sample (APA style, if available)
- Professional resume/CV
- Personal Statement (Why do you want to be accepted?)
- Official TOEFL or IELTS score reports (**International Students Only**)



### Program Requirements

- 30 credit course sequence
- 9 credits of Research (**Master's Thesis [Four classes including the VCS course SPED 7900], TAKEN OVER CONSECUTIVE SESSIONS DURING THE LAST 2 YEARS OF STUDY BEGINNING WITH SPED 7900 IN the Fall semester of your second to last year of study**) SPED 7900 is only Offered in Fall Semesters

\* NOTE: COURSES MARKED WITH \* ARE OFFERED ONLY DURING SPECIFIC SEMESTERS ONLY

## VERIFIED COURSE SEQUENCE (VCS) – 21 CREDITS (ONLY offered Fall/Spring)

The Association for Behavior Analysis International has verified the following courses for eligibility to take the Board Certified Behavior Analyst® or Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst® exam before the end of 2026. The Verified Course Sequence (VCS) meets the BACB's coursework eligibility requirements.

Course Number	Course Name	Credits	VCS 5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> Ed Task List Section Hours
<b>SPED 5702</b>	Educating Learners with Autism & Other Developmental Disabilities	3	5 hours F 40 hours G, H
<b>SPED 5704</b>	Behavior and Educational Assessment for Learners with Autism & Other Developmental Disabilities	3	5 hours A 5 hours B 35 hours F
<b>SPED 5705</b> Pre/Coreq: 5702	Applied Behavior Analysis for Learners with Autism & Other Developmental Disabilities I	3	5 hours A 30 hours B 5 hours F 5 hours G, H
<b>SPED 5706</b> Prereq: 5702, 5704, 5705	Applied Behavior Analysis for Learners with Autism & Other Developmental Disabilities II	3	45 hours B
<b>SPED 5801</b> Prereq: 5702, 5704	BCBA Supervision and Staff Management <b>*ONLY offered in Fall semesters</b>	3	15 hours G, H 30 hours I
<b>*SPED 7900</b> Prereq: 5702, 5704, 5705	Single-Subject Experimental Design <b>*ONLY OFFERED IN FALL SEMESTERS</b>	3	45 hours C, D
<b>SPED 7903</b> Prereq: 5702	Ethics and Professional Behavior in Applied Behavior Analysis <b>*ONLY OFFERED IN SPRING SEMESTERS</b>	3	45 hours E

## REQUIRED RESEARCH PROJECT - 9 CREDITS (ONLY offered in specific Fall/Spring semesters)

<b>*SPED 7906</b> Prereq: 5702, 5704, 5705, 5706, 7900	Introduction into Clinical Research in Applied Behavior Analysis <b>*ONLY OFFERED IN SPRING SEMESTERS</b> <b>Begin in SPRING of 2<sup>nd</sup> year of study</b>	3 credits
<b>*SPED 7907</b> Prereq: 5702, 5704, 5705 5706, 7900, 7903, 7906 Coreq: 5801	Clinical Research Project in Applied Behavior Analysis I <b>*ONLY OFFERED IN FALL SEMESTERS</b> <b>Take in Fall of last year of study only</b>	3 credits
<b>*SPED 7908</b> Prereq: all previous courses	Clinical Research in Applied Behavior Analysis II <b>*ONLY OFFERED IN SPRING SEMESTERS</b> <b>Take in SPRING of semester of anticipated graduation only</b>	3 credits

## Special Education Course- 9 credits (Typically offered in Fall/Spring/Summer Sessions)

<b>SPED 5005</b> Hybrid-Sync/Async.	Foundation in Special Education and Educational Implications <b>*Offered ONLY in Fall and Summer sessions</b>	3 credits
<b>*SPED 5020</b>	Educational Strategies for Students with Disabilities <b>*ONLY OFFERED IN Spring &amp; Summer SEMESTERS</b>	3 credits
<b>SPED 5023</b>	Computer Application in Special Education	3 credits

### TOTAL OF 39 CREDITS TO COMPLETE PROGRAM

Applicants for BACB exams will need to meet additional requirements before they can be deemed eligible to take the examination. See [www.bacb.com](http://www.bacb.com) for certification requirements.

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