

ABA Academic Programs FAQ

1. What is the difference between the Masters in Applied Behavior Analysis (MABA) Program and the Masters in Applied Psychology (MAP) – ABA Track?

Both programs will train graduate students to become exceptional clinicians who provide the highest quality of care. The MAP program allows for additional coursework in general psychology whereas the MABA program focuses primarily on ABA-related courses. Additionally, although both programs emphasize the importance of evidenced-based treatment, the MABA program also places more of an emphasis on having students participate in clinical research through a thesis option and other opportunities.

2. I work during the day, can I fit courses into my schedule?

Our courses are scheduled for 2.5 hrs, Monday-Thursday at 3:35 p.m. or 6:15 p.m. to accommodate those students who work during the day. We find that working in ABA-related organizations strengthens the graduate training experience. Work experience helps to synthesize the course content.

3. Do you offer BCBA supervised fieldwork experience?

Although we encourage our graduate students to participate in ABA-related fieldwork experiences, we do not place students nor can we guarantee that you will complete all the BACB fieldwork hours by the time you graduate. Many of our students work at ABA sites at Rutgers as well as outside of Rutgers.

4. Is this program in person or online?

Our program is in person. Classes are typically taught on the Busch Campus.

5. What have graduates of the program gone on to do?

Graduates of our ABA academic programs have gone on to obtain their BCBA so that they can work for private companies, public schools, private schools, and university-based programs. Additionally, our students have continued to doctoral programs.

6. Does completion of one of the programs guarantee acceptance into a doctoral program?

Although beneficial, this does not guarantee acceptance.

7. Am I required to write a thesis for the masters programs?

The MABA and MAP programs require a capstone, which is a demonstration of competence. The MABA program also has a thesis option to demonstrate research competency, which may be important when applying to doctoral programs.

8. How much does the program cost?

Click [here](#) for costs per credit and financial information. For more information, contact [the financial aid department](#).

Please note that our programs are in the Graduate School of Applied & Professional Psychology (GSAPP) at Rutgers – New Brunswick.