ED.M. PROGRAM IN SPECIAL EDUCATION
With Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Sequence

I. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: The master’s degree program in special education with the Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) sequence provides advanced graduate preparation in special education and enables students to take the coursework required to sit for the Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) exam. The program represents collaboration between the Graduate School of Education (GSE) and the Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology (GSAPP).

The 36-credit program is composed of a special education core (15 credits), an ABA core (18 credits) and an elective chosen in consultation with an academic advisor (3 credits).

The program DOES NOT include coursework leading to teacher certification in special education. The Association for Behavior Analysis International has verified our courses toward coursework requirements for eligibility to take the BCBA examination. Applicants will need to meet additional requirements before they can be deemed eligible to take the examination. Experience requirements are not currently included in this degree program.

II. APPLICATION DEADLINES:
Fall admission - February 1 deadline
Spring admission - October 15 deadline
Summer admission - May 15 deadline

III. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: To be considered for admission to the program, applicants must provide the following before the deadline:
1. Personal statement
2. Three letters of recommendation
3. Official undergraduate and graduate transcripts

IV. HOW TO APPLY: Applications are submitted online at the Graduate Admissions website:
http://gradstudy.rutgers.edu/
1. Click on “Apply Now” and follow the instructions given.
2. Choose “Degree Application”, for Application Type.
3. For Program Name choose “Education: Special Education” from the drop down menu.
4. Across from “Education: Special Education 15293”, click the link for the desired semester.
5. Under First Preference Concentration, choose “Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)”. (2nd and 3rd preferences can be left blank.)
6. Complete the application by providing the requested information.
7. Supporting materials must be submitted online or mailed to the Graduate Admissions office at Office of Graduate and Professional Admissions (New Brunswick), Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, 56 Bevier Road, ASB Annex I, Piscataway, NJ 08854, U.S.A.
8. Enter payment information for the non-refundable application fee.
9. Submit your application and authorize payment for the non-refundable application fee.
V. PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:

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Please note: A grade of B or better is required for all ABA Core courses. The above courses will meet the requirements for the Master’s degree. An additional, seventh ABA course (18:820:522 Personnel Supervision and Management in ABA) must be taken to meet the academic requirements for eligibility to take the BCBA examination. Students will need to meet additional fieldwork experience requirements before they can be deemed eligible to take the examination. This seventh course, as well as the experience requirements, are not currently included in this degree program.

VI. COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION: No comprehensive examination is required.

VII. PROGRAM FACULTY:

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