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 for board certification in behavior analysts (BCBA). 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 ABA sequence is pre-approved by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board to meet the ACADEMIC requirements for Board Certification in Behavior Analysis. Experience requirements are not currently included in the 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. Current Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores
   (Any test scores submitted must be less than 5 years old as of the application deadline. Scores must be official, not self-reported.)
4. 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 Fall 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 College Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901-8530.
8. Enter payment information for the non-refundable application fee.
9. Submit your application and authorize payment for the non-refundable application fee.
### Professional Education Requirements:

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**ABA Core**

**Special Education Core**

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**Elective (with advisor’s approval)**

One course in (290) Educational Psychology, (293) Special Education, (295) Learning, Cognition, and Development, or (297) Counseling Psychology

**Total Credits** 36

Please note: the above courses will meet the requirements for the Master’s degree and the academic requirements for Board Certification in Behavior Analysis. Additional experience requirements (through fieldwork or practicum) are necessary to be eligible for Board Certification in Behavior Analysis (BCBA). Experience requirements are not currently included in the degree program.

### Comprehensive Examination:

No comprehensive examination is required.

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