



Master of Arts in Applied Behavior Analysis at Michigan State University

The Special Education Program at Michigan State University is accepting applications for the 2019-2021 cohort of Master of Arts in Applied Behavior Analysis. Students can expect rigorous training in clinical behavior-analytic practice in the [Early Learning Institute](#) (a community based service-delivery model for children with autism) and/or [Spartan Project SEARCH](#) (a community-based school-to-work transition program for high school students with intellectual or developmental disabilities). Students may also participate in research projects under the supervision of their faculty advisor. The hybrid program serves students pursuing careers that require the Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) credential. Supervised fieldwork is included.

PROGRAM FEATURES:

- Develop in-depth knowledge and applied competence in the delivery of behavior analysis to improve the quality of life of consumers in various service settings
- Offers fieldwork supervision provided at MSU
- 38 credit hybrid program offering the convenience of online coursework combined with on campus instruction and supervision
- All students from the first cohort (2016-2018) finished their program of student, including a MA research thesis, in less than two years, and either had job placements prior to graduation or had committed to attending a PhD program.
- All students who have taken the BCBA exam have passed, with an [83% first time pass rate](#).
- All students advised by doctoral level BCBAs and MSU faculty
- 5:1 student to faculty ratio

ADMISSION:

- Applications must be [submitted](#) by January 15, 2019.
- The following factors are significant in determining admission:
 - A grade-point average of 3.00 or higher in the last two years of undergraduate and all graduate courses
 - Experience working with individuals with disabilities (e.g., in a school/work, clinical, or home setting) or other experience with behavior analysis that is acceptable to the faculty
 - Submission of Graduate Record Examination (GRE)

For more information about the masters program, please contact the Applied Behavior Analysis Program Directors Dr. Josh Plavnick (plavnick@msu.edu) or Dr. Marisa Fisher (fishermh@msu.edu). Interested students may apply online at <http://education.msu.edu/cepse/maaba/applying/>

Behavior Analysis Faculty and Profiles

Matthew Brodhead, Ph.D., BCBA-D – Assistant Professor

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Marisa Fisher, Ph.D., BCBA-D – Assistant Professor and Co-Director of Spartan Project SEARCH

Faculty Profile: <http://marisahfisher.com/>

Joshua Plavnick, Ph.D., BCBA-D – Associate Professor and Director of the Early Learning Institute

Faculty Profile: <https://education.msu.edu/search/Formview.aspx?email=plavnick%40msu.edu>

Tiffany Stauch, Ph.D., BCBA-D – Assistant Professor

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Project Web Sites

Early Learning Institute: <http://earlylearning.msu.edu/>

Spartan Project SEARCH: <http://spartanprojectsearch.msu.edu/>

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