

ABA

Application Pre-EA Direct Email

Thank you for your interest in the Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis program at National University. For applicants that intend to practice and/or wish to be licensed while in the state of **Rhode Island**, the following disclosure details important information regarding Board Certified Behavior Analyst® (BCBA®) certification and Rhode Island state licensing in the field.

Currently, Rhode Island **does** have a State designated ABA licensing body in place. The [Department of Health of Rhode Island](#) oversees all Behavioral Analysis Licensing. Application for licensure shall be made on forms furnished by the Department, which shall be completed and submitted to the Board. Such application shall be accompanied by the following documents:

1. Verification of current BACB certification or current license to practice psychology in the State of Rhode Island;
2. Verification that the applicant is in good standing in state(s) where licensed [if licensed in another state(s)]; and
3. Full Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) check from the Rhode Island Attorney General's Office.

The application fee (not refundable and non-returnable) as set forth in the Fee Structure for Licensing, Laboratory and Administrative Services Provided by the Department of Health (Part 10-05-2 of this Title) shall accompany the application for licensure. Applications received without the required application fee shall be returned to the applicant.

In order to receive the necessary Board Certified Behavior Analyst® (BCBA®) graduate-level certification, you will have a choice of 3 options or 4 pathways depending on when you apply for BCBA certification. Each option or pathway requires: a degree, behavior-analytic content, experience or supervised fieldwork, and passing the BCBA certification examination. The details of these requirements can be found at <https://www.bacb.com/bcba/>

- For students aiming to sit for the BCBA® credentialing examination *before* January 1, 2022, a total of 1500 experience hours (5% of supervision hours), 1000 experience hours (7.5% of supervision hours) or 750 experience hours (with 10% of supervision hours) are required.
- For students aiming to sit for the BCBA® credentialing examination *after* January 1, 2022, a total of 2,000 fieldwork hours (5% of supervision hours) or 1,500 fieldwork hours (with 10% of supervision hours) are required.

National University MS ABA program currently **only** satisfies the educational/coursework component for this certification. In addition to the educational requirements, graduates of this program **will need to also meet additional requirements established by the BACB®** including supervised field experiences, applications, examinations, and background checks to become certified.

By acknowledging this disclosure, the student understands the prescribe boundaries of the National University MS ABA program in obtaining a Board Certified Behavior Analyst® (BCBA®) graduate-level certification and state licensing implications.