



TEXAS A&M  
UNIVERSITY

## Distance Master's Program in Special Education

### Optional Specialization in Behavior Analysis

### *Online Courses Phased in Beginning in Fall 2010*

The distance master's program in special education at Texas A&M University is a 36-hour program that leads to a Master of Education (M.Ed.) or a Master of Science (M.S.) degree. Individuals who complete this program may go on to work in either school or other community settings as behavior coaches, behavior therapists, educational or behavioral specialists, master teachers, consultants, or administrators.

#### **WHO SHOULD APPLY?**

- Special or general education teachers
- Others with undergraduate degrees, in fields such as psychology, social work and related fields, who are interested in preparing for the Board Certification in Behavior Analysis® (BCBA®) exam (Individuals with graduate degrees may choose to only take the 5 courses for the BCBA®.)

#### **WHY CHOOSE SPECIAL EDUCATION AT TEXAS A&M?**

The special education program was recently rated among the top 20 graduate programs in U.S. News and World Report's Best Graduate Schools. You will learn from and work with nationally and internationally-recognized faculty. These faculty members share a commitment to preparing educators to use scientifically-supported interventions, assessments, and practices; collaborate with family members and other professionals; meet the needs of diverse learners; and serve individuals at-risk and those with disabilities in a variety of settings.

#### **APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS OPTION**

Applicants who wish to work with individuals with challenging behaviors or autism may be interested in the applied behavior analysis option. The Behavior Analyst Certification Board, Inc.® has approved a course sequence within the program as meeting the coursework requirements for eligibility to take the Board Certified Behavior Analyst Examination®. Applicants must also meet additional requirements to qualify for certification (see [www.bacb.com](http://www.bacb.com)). Students who complete these 5 courses will receive a Texas A&M graduate certificate in applied behavior analysis.

#### **FORMAT OF ONLINE COURSES AND HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE YOU WILL NEED**

Classes meet online in both real-time and on-demand formats. Some courses use live audio/video interactions, some involve materials the professor uploads for your access when you choose, and some use a combination of these formats. At a minimum, you will need a computer with high-speed internet access, an internet browser, video viewing software, a web cam, a microphone and speaker or a headset with a speaker, and access to a digital video recorder.

#### **MORE INFORMATION**

[bcba.tamu.edu](http://bcba.tamu.edu)

#### **ADMISSIONS**

##### **Graduate Admission Information and Requirements**

[http://epsy.tamu.edu/articles/graduate\\_admissions](http://epsy.tamu.edu/articles/graduate_admissions)

##### **Application Deadlines**

March 15 – Fall Admission

##### **Graduate Academic Advisor**

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