The faculty members were amazing in many different ways, such as the instruction they brought to the classroom and the patience and mentorship outside of the classroom which supported my professional growth.

- Shawn Brewington

**PURPOSE OF PROGRAM**
The Master of Arts (M.A.) degree program in Educational Psychology aims to prepare culturally competent scientist-practitioners and researchers to effectively contribute to the psychological development and well-being of children and adolescents. The MA-EDP program offers two areas of concentration (General Educational Psychology and Behavior Assessment) from which students can choose based on their professional goals and interests, each of which prepares students for career-specific applications of the degree.

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**
The Behavior Assessment concentration prepares students to work in a variety of settings (e.g., clinical, home, community based, and schools), with a focus on serving people with developmental disabilities (e.g. autism spectrum disorder and intellectual disabilities) or those in need of individualized behavioral supports. The average salary for students completing this degree is $50,000-$57,000.

**PROGRAM OPTIONS**
The MA/EDP program requires the successful completion of a minimum of 36 semester credit hours. Our MA/EDP program offers two concentrations: General Educational Psychology and Behavior Assessment:

- **The General Educational Psychology concentration** is designed to provide students flexibility and autonomy in their graduate level studies. Students will work closely with educational psychology faculty. This concentration includes coursework in human development, motivation, learning, research, statistics, evaluation and educational policy. Students may supplement these with courses from other disciplines (e.g., psychology, sociology, educational leadership, special education, bicultural/bilingual education).

- **The Behavior Assessment concentration** focuses on behavior analysis and prepares graduates for eligibility to become a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA®). Coursework is approved as a Verified Course Sequence by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board®. Students will also gain hands-on experience in real clinical and community settings (such as the San Antonio Applied Behavior Analysis Clinic) or one of UTSA’s many local partners.

Students who attend part-time (6 hours each semester) complete the program in 3 years on average.
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• 210.458.8000 (general line)
• 210.458.7169 (appointments)

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

• Applicants must provide official transcripts indicating a Bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited college or university in the United States, preferably in a related field such as Psychology of Education, or show proof of equivalent training at a foreign institution
• A Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least a 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in the last 60 semester credit hours of coursework for the baccalaureate degree, as well all graduate-level coursework taken (if applicable)
• Applicants must submit an official score on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE; including the Verbal Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning and Analytical Writing tests). GRE scores cannot be more than five years old
• Complete requirements, forms and directions are available on the UTSA Graduate Catalog

* Students who do not meet the minimum admission requirements should contact the program’s Student Development Specialist and consult the Graduate School Catalog for more information, special, or conditional admissions

HOW TO APPLY

Apply through the UTSA Graduate School:
> graduateschool.utsa.edu

Send electronic transcripts to:
• graduate.documents@utsa.edu

FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS

To apply, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Assistance (FAFSA):
> studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa

Graduate assistantship positions available within the college (average of 19 hours per week)

Additional graduate student scholarship information:
> graduateschool.utsa.edu/tuition-funding/
> future.utsa.edu/scholarships/
> education.utsa.edu/current_students/scholarships

Cost of Tuition:
> utsa.edu/fiscalservices/ tuition.cfm