PURPOSE OF PROGRAM
The Master of Science (M.S.) degree in Behavior Analysis aims to prepare culturally responsive scientist practitioners trained to provide quality and impactful services for all populations benefitting from behavior analysis. This degree prepares students to sit for the Behavior Analyst Certification Exam (BCBA®) to obtain national certification and state licensure as a Behavior Analyst. Students will obtain competency in the basic principles of learning with an emphasis on treating children, youth, and adults in community, clinic, hospital, and as consultants in educational settings. For more information, visit www.abautsa.com.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
The M.S. in Behavior Analysis program 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 starting salary for students completing this degree is $65,000-70,000.

PROGRAM SPECIFICS
The M.S. in Behavior Analysis program is a 36-semester credit hour program and can be completed in 2 years. The M.S. in Behavior Analysis has two areas of concentration (Comprehensive and Focused), and students choose their concentration based on their academic and professional goals and interests.

The Comprehensive concentration is designed to provide all of the research, academic, and practical training necessary for students to become certified as a Board Certified Behavior Analyst and licensed as a Licensed Behavior Analyst in the state of Texas. It contains all of the necessary coursework, fieldwork experience (2,000 supervised hrs), and additional competencies in research and practical training across diverse settings.

The Focused concentration contains the seven course required by the Behavior Analysis Credentialing Board but does not include the fieldwork hours. Instead, this concentration embeds flexibility by allowing students to select up to 15 hours of elective coursework in their area of interest. Students in this sequence may also complete their experience hours during their program; however, the site is facilitated by the student.
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. 
- Acceptance to the M.S. program is contingent on having a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in the last 60 semester credit hours of coursework for the baccalaureate degree, as well as in all graduate-level coursework taken (if applicable). 
- International applicants whose native language is not English must submit an official score on either the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). Minimum scores include a score of at least 60 on the TOEFL paper version, at least 79 on the TOEFL Internet version, or at least 6.5 on the IELTS. 
- Applicants must provide two letters of recommendation from professional references. 
- Applicants must prepare a Statement of Purpose (approximately 500 words) which outlines the applicant’s (1) reasons for pursuing the M.S. degree in Behavior Analysis, (2) area of concentration they are most interested in (i.e., Comprehensive or Focused), (3) experiences relevant to the concentration they are most interested in, and (4) career plans. 
- Applicants who lack appropriate academic background in Psychology, Education, or a closely related field may be admitted conditionally, and specific leveling coursework may be required to address areas of deficiency. The hours of coursework required will be determined on a case-by-case basis between the student and the student's advisor. 
- Complete requirements, forms and directions are available on the UTSA Graduate Catalog and the UTSA Graduate School webpage. 

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/financialaffairs/services/fiscal-services/