

## New Graduate Course Proposal

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### Course Title

Course Title: \* Supervised Experiential Learning in ABA II

Proposed Banner Abbreviation: \* Sup Exp Learn ABA II

*Banner limit of 30 characters, including punctuation, spaces, and special characters.*

### Department/Committee Information

The main contact person for the Graduate Curriculum Committee should fill out this form.

Requestor Name: \* Robert Shapiro

Members of the Graduate Curriculum Committee: Lynn D'Agostino, Dustin Halterman, Denise Sargent, Jescah Apamo-Gannon, Kimberly Bennett, Nermin Bayazit, Robert Shapiro

Department / Unit Developing: \* Education

Department Chair: \* Dr. Denise Sargent \* dsargent5@fitchburgstate.edu

Academic Dean: Dr. Mojdeh Bayat \* mbayat@fitchburgstate.edu

Program Chair The Program Chair for this request is among the people listed above.

\*  Yes  
 No

Graduate Program \* Guided Studies - Applied Behavior Analysis

*The above program would be responsible for scheduling, staffing & assessing this course.*

### Course Information

#### Course Description

\* This course continues to prepare learners for a career in the field of Applied Behavior Analysis. Learners will engage in a minimum of 45 hours of development and implementation of various behavior analytic strategies under the direct supervision of a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA), and will provide evidence of the strategies they have developed and implemented. Additionally, learners will complete a thesis project, in which they examine and report on the effect of at least one behavior analytic independent variable on at least one behavioral dependent variable. Finally, learners will demonstrate readiness for the BCBA examination by achieving fluency on all test content areas.

#### Course Objectives

#### Rationale and expected outcomes of offering the Course

\* This course is a necessary component in the accreditation standards going into effect in 2032, and will allow our students to meet the requirements to sit for the exam to become a Board Certified Behavior Analyst.

What are the Learning Outcomes for the Course?

Number of Credits: \* 3

Discipline Prefix or Prefixes:

\* SPED

Brief rationale if more than one prefix:

Level of Course:

\*  7000  
\*  8000  
 9000

Brief rationale for level choice::

\* consistent with other offerings in the ABA program

The course will be:

Requirement  
 Elective

Elective or Requirement Note/Special:

Is there a similar undergraduate course?

\*  Yes  
\*  No

Does this course affect offerings in any other department or program?

\*  Yes  
 No

Please explain how it may affect other offerings

this course may result in reduced enrollment in SPED 9510

## Course Enrollment

Expected Average Enrollment:

\* 25

This course is a replacement for:

Course # / Name

Has the course been offered previously as a "Topics" course?

\*  Yes  
\*  No

Is this an Extended Campus Course?

\*  Yes  
\*  No

Which semester will this course be offered for the first time?:

\* Spring 2028

How often thereafter to be offered?:

\* Yearly each Spring

## Course Requirements

Prerequisite course(s) if any:

Supervised Experiential Learning in ABA I

Additional Requirements

Laboratory Hours:

Fieldwork Hours:

45

Pre-Practicum Hours:

Practicum Hours:

Other Requirements (specify):

Must have an identified and approved field experience site prior to registration

## Syllabus Upload

New Course Syllabus Upload:

Syllabus - Experiential Learning II.docx

## Signatures

Click on the **Submit Form** button at the bottom of the page after you have signed the form. You should receive an email confirmation that your signature has been completed.

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Robert Shapiro  
Requester Signature

11/20/2025

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Denise Sargent  
Department Chair Approval

11/20/2025

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Moideh Bayat  
Academic Dean Signature

11/21/2025

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Becky Copper Gleng  
SGOCE Dean Signature

11/25/2025

**Graduate Council**

The Graduate Council Chair Signature indicates that the Council has discussed this proposal and has decided it should move forward.

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Graduate Council Chair Signature Date

**Notifications**

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Approval of the President

Date

SGOCE Dean Initials

Date

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Reviewed by the Registrar:

Date

**Friendly Amendment: SGOCE 25-26-09 reduce course description to no more than 50 words, add objectives, outcomes and syllabus.**

### **Field II Course Description**

Learners continue preparing for a career in Applied Behavior Analysis through development and implementation of behavior analytic strategies supervised by a Board-Certified Behavior Analyst. Additionally, learners complete a thesis project based on previously formulated research question, and achieve fluency on all BACB examination test content areas.

### **Field II Course Objectives**

Learners will complete the process of becoming competent professionals in the field of Applied Behavior Analysis, including demonstrating full proficiency in the development and implementation of behavior analytic strategies, modifying these strategies and applying them in a variety of contexts while working with various stakeholders, demonstrating the requisite verbal behavior to be able to pass the examination to become a Board Certified Behavior Analyst, and conducting objective evaluation of the effectiveness of behavior analytic strategies to demonstrate their effectiveness.

### **Field II Learning Outcomes**

By taking this course, learners will become proficient in:

- Designing and implementing procedures consistent with the concepts and principles of Applied Behavior Analysis
- Interacting with recipients of Applied Behavior Analytic services and other stakeholders in a manner that is professional, ethical, and culturally aware
- Conducting a thesis project in which the effects of a behavior analytic independent variable on a behavioral dependent variable are measured and evaluated
- The verbal behavior required to demonstrate mastery over the Behavior Analyst Certification Board's sixth edition Test Content Outline



## Comprehensive Syllabus

### SPED XXXX Supervised Experiential Learning II – 3 Credit Hours

Instructor:

Office:

Office Hours:

Telephone:

E-mail:

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

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*Before registering for this course, you MUST have a field placement and a supervising BCBA identified, and have had this placement approved by the Chair of the Fitchburg State Applied Behavior Analysis program. If you do not, please contact the instructor IMMEDIATELY regarding next steps.*

#### **TEXTS:**

No texts are required for this experience; however, the Behavior Development Solutions – 6<sup>th</sup> Edition Test Content Outline modules are required and should have been previously purchased.

#### **LEARNING OUTCOMES/OBJECTIVES:**

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**INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Lecture/Presentation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data Collection and Analysis
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion/Questioning	<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Practicum
<input type="checkbox"/> Laboratory	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Role Playing/Simulation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Problem Finding/Solving	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independent Learning
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discovery	<input type="checkbox"/> Field Trip
<input type="checkbox"/> Interviewing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Computer Application
<input type="checkbox"/> Collaborative Learning Groups	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Viewing or Listening Followed by Discussion
<input type="checkbox"/> Reflective Response	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Creating Visual Illustrations of Concepts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Experiential Learning _____

**TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES:**

*Users of the Fitchburg State University computer systems are subject to all applicable federal, state, and international computer laws. Questions regarding regulations may be directed to the Office of Information Technology.*

**Candidates will utilize technology as:**

- a research tool;
- a tool for gaining fluency in required content;
- a communication method (email, Blackboard);<sup>1</sup>
- a data analysis and graphing tool (Excel); and
- a tool for presentation and teaching (PowerPoint)

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

**Timely Submission of Assignments:** All candidates are responsible for meeting required deadlines on projects and assignments; your ability to complete tasks in a timely fashion demonstrates professional maturity and an ability to organize and manage time.

- o You are expected to have all work completed by the date listed on the syllabus. You are also expected to perform all internship duties as scheduled, to arrive on time, and to remain for the entire time. You are also expected to take the initiative to seek out your supervisor in the event that there is a cancellation or change in schedule, to assure that you accumulate the required number of hours for this experience.

**SPECIFIC ASSIGNMENTS:****1. Experiential Learning Process (31%)**

You will be responsible for meeting with and being supervised by your field supervisor on at least a weekly basis. While there is no minimum amount of time per week you must overlap with your supervisor, the course requirement is for you to be directly supervised for a total of at least 45 hours, and you must acquire at least 45 hours to receive credit for this requirement. You will be responsible

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<sup>1</sup> Please note that emails will be sent out to class members throughout the semester using FSU student addresses

for documenting the date, start time, and end time for each encounter with your supervisor, as well as what activities you engaged in during the encounter.

**2. Experiential Learning Portfolio (7%)**

You will complete a professional portfolio that outlines the specific activities you took part in and any products you produced, and which includes work samples. The focus of this portfolio is to provide you with hard evidence of the skills you have acquired, and tools that you can generalize to other areas of your career. You will be expected to report on progress towards your portfolio on two occasions (roughly 33% and 67% through your internship experience).

**3. Thesis/Research Paper (31%)**

You will conduct an investigation into the effects of at least one behavior analytic independent variable on at least one behavioral dependent variable, and report the results of your investigation in a manner suitable to submit for consideration in the journal *Behavior Analysis in Practice*. Note that unless IRB approval has been obtained prior to beginning the intervention, this investigation will not actually be submitted for consideration for publication; however, it should be completed in a manner that would allow for submission.

**4. BDS Module Completion (31%)**

You will complete all BDS Test Content Outline modules to 100% fluency. Note that 100% must be obtained to receive credit for this requirement (pass/fail).

**FIELD-BASED REQUIREMENTS:**

As a member of the Fitchburg State University academic community, in the field of Applied Behavior Analysis, it is critical to recognize that your actions during this course are a direct reflection on Fitchburg State University and the field of Applied Behavior Analysis. Professionalism, ethical behavior, and respect for diversity are expected at all times, and will be a primary determinant in how you are evaluated.

**EVALUATION OR GRADING POLICY:**

Assignment 1 – Experiential Learning Process	31%
Assignment 2 – Experiential Learning Portfolio	7%
Assignment 3 – Thesis/Research Paper	31%
Assignment 4 – BDS Module Completion	31%

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UNIVERSITY  
GRADUATE GRADING  
SYSTEM**

<b>4.0</b>	95 - 100	<b>A</b>
<b>3.7</b>	92 - 94	<b>A-</b>

<b>3.5</b>	89 - 91	A-/B +
<b>3.3</b>	86 - 88	B+
<b>3.0</b>	83 - 85	B
<b>2.7</b>	80 - 82	B-
<b>2.5</b>	77 - 79	B-/C+
<b>2.3</b>	74 - 76	C+
<b>2.0</b>	71 - 73	C
<b>0.0</b>	0 - 70	F
<b>W</b>	Withdrawn	
<b>IN</b>	Incomplete	
<b>IP</b>	In-Progress	

**COURSE CONTENT/TOPICAL OUTLINE**

Date	Activities	Assignments
Week 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet with course teacher and field supervisor</li> <li>• Review of expectations</li> <li>• Complete field experience hours</li> </ul>	
Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supervision by field supervisor</li> <li>• Complete field experience hours</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generate evidence for portfolio</li> <li>• <b>BDS – Diversity Equity &amp; Inclusion</b></li> </ul>
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supervision by field supervisor</li> <li>• Complete field experience hours</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Initial Methods Section – Participant, Setting, Response Measurement</b></li> <li>• <b>BDS – Behaviorism and Philosophical Foundations</b></li> <li>• Generate evidence for portfolio</li> </ul>
Week 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supervision by field supervisor</li> <li>• Complete field experience hours</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Final Methods Section – Procedure, including intervention and experimental design</b></li> <li>• <b>BDS – Concepts and Principles</b></li> <li>• Generate evidence for portfolio</li> </ul>
Week 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supervision by field supervisor</li> <li>• Meet with course instructor and field supervisor</li> <li>• Complete field experience hours</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generate evidence for portfolio</li> <li>• <b>BDS – Measurement, Data Display, &amp; Interpretation</b></li> </ul>
Week 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supervision by field supervisor</li> <li>• Complete field experience hours</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>BDS – Experimental Design</b></li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Generate evidence for portfolio</li> </ul>
Week 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supervision by field supervisor</li> <li>Complete field experience hours</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>BDS – Ethical and Professional Issues</b></li> <li>Generate evidence for portfolio</li> </ul>
Week 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supervision by field supervisor</li> <li>Complete field experience hours</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Results Section – including graphs and analysis</b></li> <li><b>BDS – Behavior Assessment</b></li> <li>Generate evidence for portfolio</li> </ul>
Week 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supervision by field supervisor</li> <li>Complete field experience hours</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>BDS – Behavior Change Procedures</b></li> <li>Generate evidence for portfolio</li> </ul>
Week 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supervision by field supervisor</li> <li>Meet with course instructor and field supervisor</li> <li>Complete field experience hours</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Generate evidence for portfolio</li> <li><b>Discussion Section – including implications of findings and future areas of investigation</b></li> <li><b>BDS – Selecting and Implementing Interventions</b></li> </ul>
Week 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supervision by field supervisor</li> <li>Complete field experience hours</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>BDS – Personnel Supervision and Management</b></li> <li>Generate evidence for portfolio</li> </ul>
Week 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supervision by field supervisor</li> <li>Complete field experience hours</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Generate evidence for portfolio</li> </ul>
Week 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supervision by field supervisor</li> <li>Complete field experience hours</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Generate evidence for portfolio</li> </ul>
Week 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supervision by field supervisor</li> <li>Complete field experience hours</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Final portfolio due</b></li> <li><b>Supervision log due</b></li> <li><b>Thesis project due</b></li> <li><b>All BDS modules due</b></li> </ul>

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and Services. Scroll down and click on Extended Campus Center. You will find links to Library Services, our Virtual Student Center and other important information.

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- Document delivery (books mailed to your home)
- Interlibrary Loan (books and articles from other libraries)
- Research Help via: phone, email, 24/7 chat, video call, and in-person
- Library Instruction online and in-person at extended campus sites

Questions about library services can be directed to the E-Learning & Instruction Librarian, at ext. 3062 or [dllibrary@fitchburgstate.edu](mailto:dllibrary@fitchburgstate.edu). For more information about library services for online and distance learning students, go to <http://fitchburgstate.libguides.com/dlservices>.

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**Attendance and Participation**

1. As an emerging professional, you are expected to attend every class session, to be on time, and to communicate with the instructor regarding any absences. Absences and tardiness may result in a permanent grade change. Attendance is mandatory.
2. Participation in class discussions and cooperative groups is expected. All candidates are responsible for meeting required deadlines on projects and assignments; your ability to complete tasks in a timely fashion demonstrates professional maturity and an ability to organize and manage time. Completion of assigned reading is imperative to your individual development as a professional.
3. All of these behaviors regarding attendance, preparation, and meeting deadlines are critical for successful teaching and thus are factored into the final grade.

### **Education Unit Computer Literacy Requirement**

All assignments must be typed, doubled-spaced, and use APA format when appropriate. Refer to Internet Resources for Writing on the Fitchburg State University website for assistance.

You are expected to use word processing for all assignments (unless otherwise instructed). [If your course has other requirements list those also, e.g., 'You are expected to use e-mail for dialogues with other class members, to examine the use of software in the field, and to use the Internet to obtain information, ideas and resources. ']

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Kindly turn-off cellular telephones during class time and field experiences and place them in book bags or purses. Please no texting in class. It reflects negatively upon you as a developing professional. Once class begins and if use of the laptop is not required, all laptops should be closed during class time so that your full attention can be focused on your colleagues and the discussion or lecture in progress. If you prefer to take class notes on your laptop, please inform the instructor. You are on your honor to be focused on note taking and not on e-mail, Facebook or other technological enterprise not germane to the class in progress. Thank you in advance for your consideration of colleagues and students.

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