

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 **West Virginia**, the following disclosure details important information regarding Board Certified Behavior Analyst® (BCBA®) certification and West Virginia state licensing in the field.

Currently, **West Virginia does not** have a State designated ABA licensing body in place.

However, in order to receive a 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 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. Students must pass with a "C" or better in all their required courses, to sit for the BCBA exam. Students who earn a C- or lower in any of the required courses will need to repeat the course and earn a "C" or better to meet the VCS requirements and be able to sit for the BCBA Exam. In addition to the educational requirements, graduates of this program **will need to also meet additional requirements established by the BCBA®** including supervised field experiences, applications, examinations, and background checks to become certified.

Some states and/or territories require applicants to also obtain the **Licensed Behavior Analyst (LBA)** credential, to practice in that state, which could include additional requirements. It is **strongly recommended** that the applicant **contact** their state board of Psychology or the issuing governing board of the LBA for more information.

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.