Summary of Graduate Curriculum Revisions

Ouachita Baptist University March 2021

The faculty approved these curriculum changes at a faculty meeting on March 25, 2021.

Applied Behavior Analysis

The short form notation indicates informational level curriculum revisions submitted on the Graduate Council's curriculum short form, which addresses course title changes, course time offering changes, and non-substantive changes to course content and/or descriptions. These short form revisions will NOT be brought to the faculty for discussion or a vote, unless questions are raised before the faculty meeting.

Applied Behavior Analysis

ABA Certificate Option

Proposed Change

Add an ABA Certificate option consisting of Verified Course Sequence (VCS) coursework previously approved by the Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI).

Rationale

The program has had several applicants with a master's degree who have chosen to attend other universities that offer a post-master's certificate rather than pursue a second master's degree from OBU. Offering an ABA Certificate consisting only of ABAI-approved VCS coursework would meet the needs of students who already have a master's degree but who need the VCS coursework to prepare for the Board Certified Behavior Analyst® (BCBA) certification exam. This certificate option would attract more students without requiring any additional course offerings.

Catalog Entry

Ouachita Baptist University's certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis prepares future behavior analysts to apply the science of behavior analysis. Our four-semester Behavior Analysis Graduate Certificate program meets the instructional requirements for the BCBA (Board Certified Behavior Analyst®) credential. Each term, students take two 3-hour courses. Students will be expected to complete their supervised fieldwork independently. Content of the program complies with the Verified Course Sequence and the 5th Edition Task List which has already been approved by ABAI through our Masters in ABA.

Admissions Requirements: Completed master's degree in related field as defined by the Behavior Analysis Certification Board.