

EDUC 431: Applied Behavior Analysis

Field Experience Handbook

Spring 2025

Field Experience Assignment(s): Functional Behavior Assessment (FBA)

In collaboration with their clinical educator (CE), course participants will select a student in their field-placement classroom that engages in behavior that interferes with their learning or others in the class. After reviewing student background information and interviewing their CE about the student's needs, they will identify and define a behavior that will be the focus of a functional behavioral assessment.

To complete this assessment, they will be expected to accomplish the following:

1. Conduct a 20-30 minute classroom environment observation to understand how the environment may impact the student's behavior, and summarize the results.
2. Collect baseline data using one of the data recording techniques discussed in the course
 - Observations must occur across **five (5) different occasions (for at least 30 minutes)**. Course participants will graph the recorded data, and then summarize and interpret the results.
 - The selected student and data collection system must be approved by the CE.
3. Collect Antecedent-Behavior-Consequence (ABC) data to understand patterns that influence the target behavior.
 - Course participants should collect a minimum of 10 data points over the course of 5 days.
4. Course participants will use the FBA template provided on Canvas to write a corresponding report that summarizes the data they collected into a hypothesis statement that will be used to inform a behavior intervention plan (BIP) for their case study student.

Students will submit and receive instructor feedback on the following prior to collecting FBA data in their field placements:

1. A summary of their interview, record review, and definition of target behavior.

2. A data collection plan, that outlines what data they intend to collect, when, and in what setting. Their plan should be reviewed and approved by their CE.

Please Note:

****Any data and information gathered for this project is intended to be used for the practicum student's educational purposes only and is not to be considered a formal assessment.****