



Volunteer Positions:

Objectives:

- Learn about the basic principles of applied behavior analysis (ABA) as they relate to understanding human behavior
- Learn how to define behavior from a radical behaviorist perspective
- Learn about the applications of applied behavior analysis to individuals with and without developmental disabilities
- Appreciate the daily work schedule/load of behavior analysts (i.e., practitioner, researcher, administrator) by participating in all stages of the assessment process (e.g., conducting phone consultations, making copies as needed for client charts, contacting other practitioners for documentation required to initiate applied behavior analytic services, following up with clients, and preparing for sessions (if applicable))
- Appreciate the particular advantages, disadvantages, requirements and responsibilities of behavior analysts
- Understand ethical dilemmas facing behavior analysts
- Experience on-call requirements and time commitments faced by practitioners
- Acquire the skills necessary to deliver *and accept* performance based feedback to improve staff performance (as applicable)
- Acquire the skills necessary to practice using sound clinical judgment (as allowed)
- Learn how to use a variety of data collection methods and procedures to evaluate human behavior objectively
- Learn how to complete behavioral assessments using *indirect measures*, such as informal interviewing techniques, completion of biopsychosocial evaluations, and having parents/professionals collect data on target behaviors using ABC data collection and scatterplot techniques
- Learn how to complete behavioral assessments using *direct measures*, such as administering the VB-MAPP, ABLLS-r, and AFLS, as well as other assessment tools including the BLA and practitioner completed ABC data collection procedures
- Learn how to use an inductive, data-driven approach to examine functional relations between variables
- Learn how to test functional hypotheses using functional analytic techniques (if necessary)
- Learn about empirically supported treatments for a variety of disruptive behavior disorders
- Attend a *minimum of two* clinical meetings to learn how to visually interpret data objectively
- Deliver a brief presentation on how behavior analysis relates to current coursework
- Understand the similarities and differences between behavior analysis and psychology
- Consider behavior analysis as a potential career path