

Internal Articulation Agreement

I. Articulation Agreement Between:

- a. TCSPP BA Psychology and MS Applied Behavior Analysis

II. Statement of Purpose:

- a. This agreement between the BA Psychology and MS Applied Behavior Analysis programs is intended to facilitate credit articulation and provide a smooth transition from one related degree program (BA) to another (MS).
- b. This agreement allows qualifying TCSPP BA Psychology students (i.e., students with at least 90 undergraduate credits completed) to apply to the MS Applied Behavior Analysis program and be considered for acceptance if all admissions requirements are met.
- c. Students will be allowed to take courses outlined in Appendix A in lieu of BA Psychology upper division elective courses, and have them count toward degree completion of the BA Psychology program, thus reducing time to completion of the MS Applied Behavior Analysis degree. It is further recognized that Appendix A shall describe the approved courses and this agreement shall describe the admissions eligibility. This agreement identifies all required and equivalent courses.

III. Terms and Conditions of Credit Transfer and/or Degree:

- a. The evaluation and transfer of earned college credits and/or degree credits shall be in full compliance with TCSPP institutional policies and all other state and federal education policies pertaining to credit transfer. Program specific requirements and/or required courses/degree are listed and defined below in this agreement. Students will be subject to the admissions requirements of the MS Applied Behavior Analysis program as stated below in this agreement, which may include requirements above and beyond those that have already completed a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution.
- b. Students must apply to the MS Applied Behavior Analysis program under the terms of this agreement and be accepted in order for this agreement to apply.

IV. Length of the Agreement:

- a. This agreement shall be valid until (May 31, 2023). Thereafter, the agreement will be re-evaluated for renewal.
- b. Either party may terminate this agreement in accordance with institutional timelines for change (e.g., publication of the Academic Catalog). If one campus terminates the agreement, other campuses may continue adhering to this articulation agreement.

V. Details of Publication of Agreement:

- a. This information will reside in the Academic Catalog. Publication is required to include the process for articulation to another degree program, the specific courses, and the admission eligibility requirements.
- b. Program modifications affecting either program involved in this agreement may require re-evaluation and/or amendment of Appendix A subsequent to implementation.

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VI. Required Signatures:

- a. Campus Academic Dean(s)
- b. Department or Program Chair(s)
- c. Chief Academic Officer

VII. Appendix A Program Articulation Table: The following table contains academic details of courses and/or degree that are qualified for credit transfer.

Appendix A Program Articulation Table

| Course # | BA Psychology ABA Minor Course | Credit Hours | Course # | MS ABA Course | Credit Hours |
|----------|--|-----------------|----------|---|-----------------|
| BBA 400 | Principles of Behavior Analysis | 3 | AB 540 | Concepts and Principles in Behavior Analysis | 3 |
| BBA 405 | Ethical Application of Applied Behavior Analysis | 3 | AB 565 | Professional Ethics and Issues in Behavior Analysis | 3 |
| BBA 410 | Measurement and Evaluation | 3 | AB 545 | Measurement and Design in Behavior Analysis | 3 |
| | <i>Total Required</i> | 9 | | <i>Total Required</i> | 9 |

** Students may choose up to 9 credit hours to apply to BA degree from the MS Applied Behavior Analysis program based on the courses listed in Appendix A. Timing and availability of courses may vary based on campus location and start time. Prospective students should consult with program chair prior to registration.*

VIII. Student Eligibility for Early Enrollment into the MS Applied Behavior Analysis program:

- a. Student must have completed at least 90 credit hours in the BA Psychology program to qualify for enrollment in the MS Applied Behavior Analysis program under this agreement, including BA340 Research Methods or BA380 Statistics, and at least one other 300 level psychology course.
 - b. Student must have an overall GPA from the BA Psychology program that is 3.00 or higher.
 - c. Student must be making satisfactory progress in the BA Capstone Project.
 - d. Student must submit the following general application materials:
 - i. Online application
 - ii. Personal statement/Admissions essay. This must address the reasons for the student's interest in forensic psychology at the Master's level.
 - iii. Resume or Curriculum Vitae (CV)
 - iv. Official transcript(s)
 - v. Three letters of recommendation, at least one of which is from an instructor in the BA Psychology program. This instructor letter must speak to the applicant's ability to complete graduate work at the Master's level and maintain satisfactory progress in both programs.

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- e. Student must also complete an admission interview with the program chair or their designee where the student demonstrates a clear motivation for earning the MS Applied Behavior Analysis degree and ability to meet the professional comportment expectations of this licensure-based graduate school program.
 - f. Student must meet professional comportment guidelines set forth in the Student Handbook and have no referrals to the Student Affairs Committee.
 - g. Student must meet all other admission requirements in the TCSPS Student Handbook and Academic Catalog for this program.

IX. Enrollment in Master's Level Courses:

- a. Student must be accepted into the Master's degree under the terms of this agreement before enrolling in master's level courses.
- b. Enrollment must coincide with MS Applied Behavior Analysis program's "start" schedule.
- c. Conferral of the BA Psychology degree will require a total of 120 credit hours.
- d. Up to 9 credit hours may be applied from the MS Applied Behavior Analysis program per Appendix A. Student must apply for degree conferral once the graduation requirements are met. The standard degree conferral fee will apply.
- e. Master's Degree courses taken while a student in the BA program will count toward the graduation requirements of both programs (BA and MS).

X. Tuition:

- a. Students will pay the BA Psychology tuition rate for MS Applied Behavior Analysis courses while enrolled in the BA Psychology program.