

Minnesota State University Moorhead

PSY 575: Applied Behavior Analysis

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

Application of applied behavior analysis (ABA) principles to the development of assessment methods and behavioral interventions across a variety of settings and populations. Topics include professional ethics, behavioral measurement, functional behavioral assessment, and behavioral intervention programming.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 01/01/2022 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Selecting, defining and measuring target behaviors
2. Constructing and interpreting behavioral graphs
3. Analyzing behavioral data
4. A-B, reversal designs, multiple-baseline designs, and other advanced designs
5. Evaluating ABA intervention research
6. Reinforcement and punishment procedures
7. Functional, nonaversive interventions
8. Functional behavior assessment
9. Specialized interventions, such as token economies, group contingencies, and contracts
10. Strategies to program for generalization and maintenance
11. Ethical issues and considerations in ABA

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Develop and select systems for measuring behavior.
2. Construct and analyze graphic presentations of behavior data using MS Excel or other relevant software.
3. Analyze peer-reviewed intervention research in applied behavior analysis (ABA).
4. Apply functional behavioral assessment procedures in a case study situation.
5. Develop functional behavioral interventions in a case study situation.
6. Use the discipline-specific language of the field of ABA across relevant settings.

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted