



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-SAN ANTONIO

Applied Behavior Analysis

EDBA 3304 Ethical and Professional Behavior in ABA

A. MAJOR COURSE DESCRIPTION/REQUIREMENT

This course teaches students about ethics in ABA. Students are introduced to the Professional and Ethical Compliance Code for Behavior Analysts published by the Behavior Analysis Certification Board. A large focus is placed on behaving professionally and ethically when providing ABA service in various settings. Personnel supervision and management is discussed. Real-life examples are used to illustrate ethical issues.

B. LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon Completion of the course, the student will be able to:

1. Define ethics in ABA.
2. Identify how to maintain professional behavior when providing ABA services.
3. Identify ethical issues that may arise in various situations.
4. State resources for maintaining ethical and professional behavior.

C. LECTURE OR DISCUSSION TOPICS

Background for Ethics in ABA
Understanding the Ethics Code
Responsibility as a Professional & in Practice
Responsibility to Clients, Stakeholders, Supervisees, and Trainees
Responsibility in Public Statements & Research
Delivering the Ethics Message & Cultural Considerations
Ethical Work Places
Professional Organizations and Reporting Violations

D. REQUIRED OR RECOMMENDED READINGS

Students will study course content provided through selected texts and Blackboard postings. These resources include:

Bailey, J., & Burch, M. (2022). *Ethics for behavior analysts* (4th ed.). Oxfordshire, UK: Taylor & Francis.