

# Department of Applied Behavioral Science

## \*Requirements for Specialty in COMMUNITY HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT

**\*Note: Use the blank lines below to indicate the Semester/Year that each requirement is (to be) completed.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

**This specialty area is for students interested in building healthy and well-functioning communities.** Students may apply their learning in fields such as **public health, public policy, law, rehabilitation, psychology, social welfare, and medicine.** They may also do so through public service such as AmeriCorps, Teach for America, or Peace Corps. This specialty provides opportunities to **learn and make a difference** with important community problems and goals (e.g., childhood obesity, substance abuse, violence, education, child and youth development, independent living of people with disabilities, well-being of older adults).

Coursework and practicum experiences focus on (a) **intervention methods** used to address community problems and goals (e.g., strategic planning, intervention, advocacy) and (b) **research methods** used to study the effects of community initiatives for health and development (e.g., community assessment, evaluation). The course sequence culminates in a **two-semester practicum** arranged with faculty members and representatives of community organizations or governmental agencies (e.g., in public health, child advocacy, independent living, youth development, community development).

**Introductory Course:** 3 hours

\_\_\_ ABSC 100 Introduction to Applied Behavioral Science (3) **or** ABSC 101 Honors

**Core Courses:** 10 hours

\_\_\_ ABSC 304 Principles and Procedures of Behavior Modification (3)  
\_\_\_ ABSC 308 Research Methods and Application (4)  
\_\_\_ ABSC 509 Contemporary Behavioral Science (3)

**Required Specialty Area Courses:** (6 hours). *Plan your program with an advisor in the Department.*

\_\_\_ ABSC 150 Community Leadership (3) **or** ABSC 151 Honors) and  
\_\_\_ ABSC 310 Building Healthy Communities (3) **or** ABSC 311 Honors

**Specialty Area Electives** (8 hours). Any courses numbered 300 and above that are related to the student's interests and approved by the faculty advisor. The following are recommended:

___ ABSC 410	Behavioral Approaches in Working with Adolescents (3)
___ ABSC 437	Independent Living and People with Disabilities (3)
___ ABSC 455	Health, Safety, & Nutrition in Early Childhood (3)
___ ABSC 469	Introduction to Organizational Behavior Management
___ ABSC 486	Issues in Parenting (3)
___ ABSC 535	Developmental Psychopathology (3)
___ ABSC 565	Applied Developmental Psychology (3)
___ ABSC 626	Psychology of Adolescence (3)
___ ABSC 671	Applied Behavior Analysis (3)

**Practicum:** 6 hours (3 hours in both fall and spring semesters). ABSC 310/311 is a prerequisite for the practicum; either previously taken or enrolled in concurrently.

ABSC 690 Practicum in Community Health and Development (3) **or** ABSC 691 Honors  
\_\_\_ Fall Practicum  
\_\_\_ Spring Practicum

**Faculty Members/Practicum Supervisors:**

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**Related Websites**

Community Tool Box <http://ctb.ku.edu/>  
American Public Health Association [www.apha.org](http://www.apha.org)