Call for Advisory Board Members

The **University of Oregon Applied Behavior Analysis Master's Program** is seeking community members to participate in our community advisory board.

The Master's Program in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) is designed to teach students to be generalists who can work in a variety of fields. However, the program will prepare students to work with autistic individuals and individuals with intellectual and developmental disability, as this is a common employment area for behavior analysts. Additionally, the Master's degree in Applied Behavior Analysis requires students to meet programmatic requirements related to diversity, equity, justice, and inclusion. These requirements will prepare students to be behavior analytic professionals who engage in reflective practices, cultural humility, neurodiversity affirming practices, advocacy for improving disparities in applied behavior analysis, and cross cultural applications of applied behavior analysis (e.g., with clients from different racial/ethnic backgrounds, linguistic and religious backgrounds, and gender and sexual orientation minorities, as well as neurodivergent persons and individuals with disabilities).

The **goal of the community advisory board** is to provide review of the program curriculum, activities, materials, and sequence to improve the knowledge and experience of our students and increase their future success as compassionate and culturally responsive professionals who can collaborative effectively with their communities.

Who Can Participate?

We hope to have a variety of community members participate:

- Individuals who have collaborated with BCBAs (e.g., teachers and speech and language pathologists)
- Individuals who have received ABA services
- Caregivers or other family members of individuals who have received ABA services
- Autistic adults
- Individuals working in diverse fields (e.g., business, sports, healthcare)

We are seeking eight advisory board members. Because we are an online program, our students can reside anywhere. As such, advisory board members could live anywhere in the United States.

The Online Applied Behavior Analysis program is committed to the preparation of behavior analytic professionals who reflect the multicultural context of the United States. We believe it is imperative to have a community board that is also reflective of the multicultural context of the United States. Therefore, we strongly encourage individuals who identify as Black, Indigenous, or a Person of Color (BIPOC) as well as from individuals who are neurodiverse, have a disability, or are LQBTQ+ to participate in our board.

Expectations for the Board

Our expectations for the board are that all members will:

- Listen respectfully to others' opinions and perspectives

- Refrain from behavior that could insult or offend others' decisions or choices
- Engage in productive conversations focused on supporting the growth and improvement of the program
- Bring information and recommendations to the group that are based in science

Logistics

Participation in the advisory board will be voluntary. Meetings will occur twice annually in September and April and take place via Zoom. Once all board members are selected, a convenient time for meetings will be identified.

How Do I Join?

If you are interested in joining our advisory board, please complete the Qualtrics survey (https://oregon.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e2SEFT49QKuXL6K) or email us directly (Kimberly Marshall – kmarsh1@uoregon.edu; Wendy Machalicek – wmachali@uoregon.edu). Emails should include:

- Your agreement to abide by the expectations for board members
- Your availability to attend meetings
- Why you are interested in joining
- What you hope to get out of participating in the University of Oregon Applied Behavior Analysis Master's Program Community Advisory Board

Applications will be reviewed, and advisory board members selected by the end of July 2022. We look forward to hearing from you.