

# MBU Licensure Preparation Programs

Mary Baldwin University (MBU) has seven academic programs that are designed to prepare students for a career in a licensed profession upon completion of the program. A professional license is typically required for graduates of these programs to practice and/or gain employment in these fields. If you are considering applying to one of these programs and plan to be licensed outside of Virginia, please select the program link for more information regarding educational requirements for professional licensure in the U.S. states, commonwealths, and territories.

## [Doctor of Physical Therapy](#)

The program has determined that its curriculum meets the state educational requirements for licensure or certification in all states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands secondary to its accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education, based on the following:

CAPTE accreditation of a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant program satisfies state educational requirements in all states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Thus, students graduating from CAPTE-accredited physical therapist and physical therapist assistant education programs are eligible to take the National Physical Therapy Examination and apply for licensure in all states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. For more information regarding state qualifications and licensure requirements, refer to the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy website at [www.fsbpt.org](http://www.fsbpt.org)

**NOTE:** Completion of an authorized educational program does not guarantee licensure or certification. States may have additional requirements such as a background check, jurisprudence examination, recommendations, etc.

Mary Baldwin University recommends students consult the appropriate licensing agency or board in the respective state or territory in which they intend to practice before beginning any academic program or coursework. If students experience difficulty finding the license requirements for a specific state or territory, please contact the program director or admissions.

## [Master of Science in Physician Assistant](#)

The program has determined that its curriculum meets the state educational requirements for licensure or certification in all states and the District of Columbia.

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## [Doctor of Occupational Therapy](#)

ACOTE® accredited occupational therapy and occupational therapy assistant educational program satisfy the states' educational requirements in all states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Students graduating from an ACOTE® accredited occupational therapy and occupational therapy assistant program are eligible to

take the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) certification examination and apply for licensure in all states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. For more information regarding state qualifications and licensure requirements, please refer to the [AOTA State Licensure](#) webpage.

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### [Doctor of Nursing Practice](#)

The program has not yet determined which states and US territories its curriculum meets the state educational requirements for licensure or certification.

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Below is a link to the National Council of State Boards of Nursing to review the licensure requirements in your state.

National Council of State Boards of Nursing: <https://www.ncsbn.org/about-nursing-regulatory-bodies.htm>

### [Post Baccalaureate Teacher Licensure](#)

We go beyond preparing superior teachers. We offer degrees in high-demand fields including Teacher Education, Higher Education, and Applied Behavior Analysis. In today's classroom, we identify the greatest needs and fill the gaps. So well, in fact, that 77 percent of our graduates teach in areas with the most critical shortages in Virginia. Our Teacher Education program prepares classroom leaders who lead, collaborate, include, and innovate. [Learn about our Conceptual Framework](#), the values and priorities that drive our mission to prepare reflective and knowledgeable teachers for the field.

### **Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis**

The MS in ABA is for students who are seeking a graduate degree at MBU while concurrently pursuing the educational eligibility requirements set by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board® to take the Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA)® Examination. Following completion of the degree, individuals seeking board certification must additionally meet supervised independent fieldwork requirements and pass the applicable board examination. Following board certification, some (not all) states require state licensure to practice. For those states that do license behavior analysts, requirements vary by state and may include requirements beyond board certification such as, but not limited to, background checks, attestations of moral character, professional development or continuing education on specified topics, fees, etc.

### [Master of Arts in Teaching](#)

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### **Bachelor of Arts in Applied Behavior Analysis & Autism Studies**

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#### [Bachelor of Social Work](#)

Nationally Recognized and Accredited

The Susan Warfield Caples School of Social Work at MBU meets rigorous academic standards to gain and maintain national accreditation from the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).

### **Post-Bachelor's Certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis**

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### **Post-Master's Certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis**

The Post-Master's Certificate in ABA is for students who already have a qualifying graduate degree but are seeking an ABA certificate in order to meet the educational eligibility requirements set by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board® to take the Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA)® Examination. Following completion of the certificate program, individuals seeking board certification must additionally meet supervised independent fieldwork requirements and pass the applicable board examination. Following board certification, some (not all) states require state licensure to practice. For those states that do license behavior analysts, requirements vary by state and may include requirements beyond board certification such as, but not limited to, background checks, attestations of moral character, professional development or continuing education on specified topics, fees, etc.