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Ana Paula, M.Ed., BCBA

Meet Ana Paula, a Barton Lab graduate!

- Graduated with a Master's in Early Childhood Special Education and specialization in Applied Behavior Analysis from Vanderbilt in 2019
- Currently the Director of her own ABA and early intervention clinic in Monterrey, Mexico.

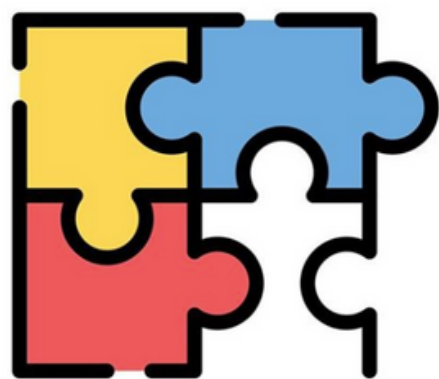


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What does your
role look like?



Kommati

As one of the first BCBAs in Mexico, it has been my responsibility to encourage parents to search for evidence-based practices when it comes to their kid's therapies. I use my social media platform to inform parents of recommended practices and I offer parent training services along with intervention services in Kommati.




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**How did VU
prepare you
for this role?**

VU gave me all the tools I needed to open my own small clinic. I learned from great minds such as Dr. Barton, gained field experience from my ABA internships and my fellowship at the Susan Gray School. By the end of my 2 years at VU, I was ready to advocate for kids with disabilities in my country.



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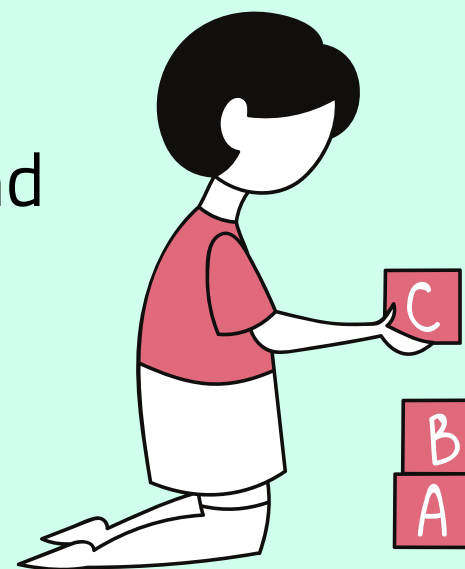
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What are two of your greatest accomplishments since graduating from Vanderbilt?

1 The recent acceptance of my thesis "The Effects of Training and Performance Feedback on Preservice Teachers' use of Statements That Promote Social Interactions" in the Journal of Positive Behavior Interventions.

2 Moving back home to Monterrey and opening Kommati.





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What is one piece of advice you would give to current or prospective Early Childhood Special Education students?

Stay in contact with your peers and professors. They'll be the ones who will resolve any questions or doubts you may have in the future and you'll miss them once you finish the program. The VU ESCE program trains the best, so go out to the world and BE THE BEST.