An Update on the Behavior Analyst Certification Board

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BACB Background

- Nonprofit corporation founded in 1998
- Certification programs accredited by
  - National Commission for Certifying Agencies
BACB Personnel

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DATA
Registered Behavior Technicians

- Cumulative RBTs

Approved Course Sequences

- Pre-approved sequences of required coursework in behavior analysis
- 90% of applicants qualify with ACS courses
Approved Course Sequences at 277 Institutions

Approved Course Sequences at 211 Institutions
The Exams

Exam Administration

Pearson VUE
• Worldwide Secure Exam Administration
• Over 400 Testing Sites Worldwide
• 4 Exam Windows: February, May, August, November
Exam Pass Rates

BCBA Pass Rates

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BCaBA Pass Rates
Activity Outside of the United States

The BACB’s Mission & Vision

Our Global Mission
We protect consumers of behavior analysis services worldwide by systematically establishing, promoting, and disseminating professional standards.

Our Global Vision
Solve a wider variety of socially significant problems by increasing the availability of qualified behavior analysts around the world.
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Yearly # of Certificants Outside of the United States

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  - 2000: 0
  - 2001: 0
  - 2002: 0
  - 2003: 0
  - 2004: 0
  - 2005: 0
  - 2006: 0
  - 2007: 0
  - 2008: 0
  - 2009: 0
  - 2010: 0
  - 2011: 0
  - 2012: 0
  - 2013: 0
  - 2014: 0
  - 2015: 1,628

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Course Sequences at 66 Institutions in 33 Countries
Exam Languages

- **BCBA**
  - English
  - Modern Spanish
  - Italian
  - Hebrew
  - *Brazilian Portuguese (2016)*
  - *Korean (2017-2018)*

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International Development

- Presentations and consultation outside the US
  - Athens, *Greece*, June 2014
  - Bangalore, *India*, July 2014
  - Lisbon, *Portugal*, September 2014
  - Stockholm, *Sweden*, September 2014
  - Baia Mare, *Romania*, October 2014
  - Antalya, *Turkey*, November 2014
  - Dubai, *UAE*, February 2015
  - Parma, *Italy*, March 2015
  - Warsaw, *Poland*, March 2015
  - Bucharest, *Romania*, April 2015
  - Melbourne, *Australia*, April 2015
  - Tokyo/Hakodate/Sapporo, *Japan*, April 2015
DEVELOPMENTS

The Michael Hemingway Behavior Analysis Award

2006 – Saul Axelrod
2007 – Sigrid Glenn
2008 – Lorri Unumb
2009 – Fran Warkomski
2010 – Richard Blumenthal
2011 – Greg Wagner
2012 – Jerry Shook
2014 – Mickey Keenan
2015 – Sandra Harris
State Regulation

US State Regulation of Behavior Analysts
Revised Ethics System

Effective: January 1, 2016
Substantial Revisions & Additions

- Clarification on:
  - Giving and receiving gifts
  - Intimate relationships
  - Testimonials
  - Electronic media

- Additions:
  - Volume of supervisory activity
  - Non-behavior analytic interventions

Revised ASD Practice Guidelines
Substantive Changes

- Registered Behavior Technician (RBT)
- Severe problem behavior
- Multiple models of tiered service delivery
- Supervision = "case supervision"
- Direct and indirect supervision activities
- More guidance on discontinuing services

Revised BCaBA Supervision Standards
Revised Standards

- Contract between BCaBA and supervisor now required
- Supervisor will be responsible for the work of the BCaBAs they are supervising
- Supervisor will be publicly identified on the Certificant Registry
- Supervision intensity now based on hours of practice
  - 2% of ABA services each month \((full-time = 3.2 \text{ hrs/month})\)
- New BCaBAs more heavily supervised for their first 1000 hours of practice (5%)

*Effective January 1, 2017*

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Maintenance Changes
- New inactive status available
- **90-day deadline** for correcting expired certifications
- Changeover from 3-yr cycle to 2-yr cycle
May 2015

- The BACB is pursuing national accreditation for the RBT credential + **new exam**

- There is an RBT training option for existing staff who have already been trained

- The 8-hr supervision training may be taken prior to certification & as part of a university course
2015-2016 Plans

- 2014 ACS pass rates
- 5th Edition Task List
  - May 2015: initial input survey
  - Fall 2015: workgroup
  - Spring 2016: validation survey
  - Fall 2016: Task List published
- Public relations & dissemination
- New website!
Thank you