

An Update on the Behavior Analyst Certification Board

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BACB Background

Nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation founded in 1998

Global Mission

To protect consumers of behavior analysis services worldwide by systematically establishing, promoting, and disseminating professional standards.

National Commission for Certifying Agencies

BCBA – *accredited since 2007*

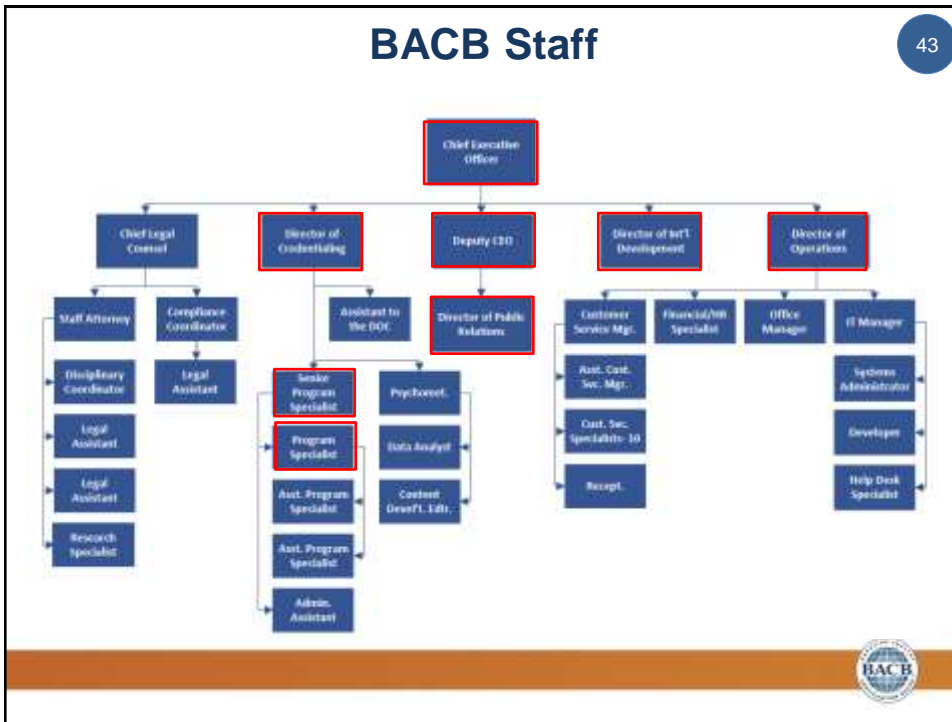
BCaBA – *accredited since 2007*

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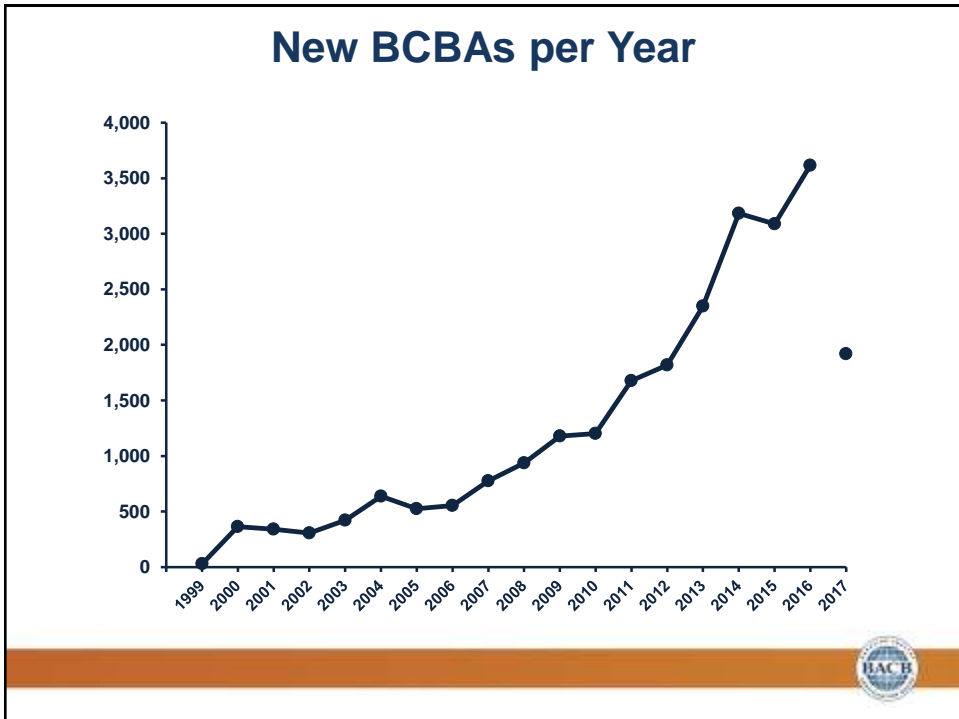
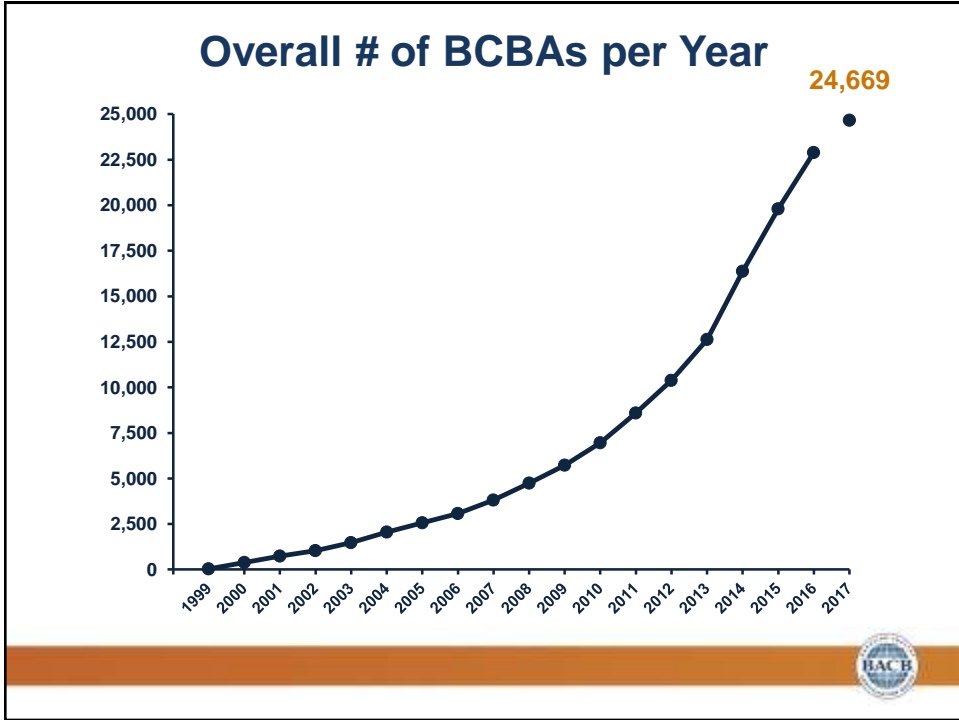
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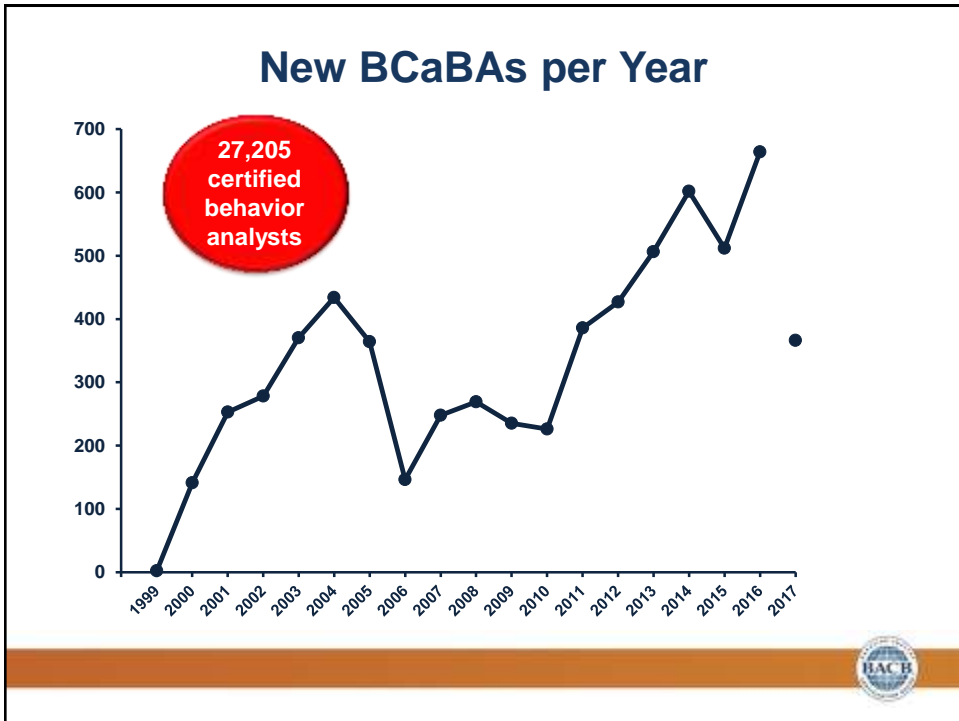
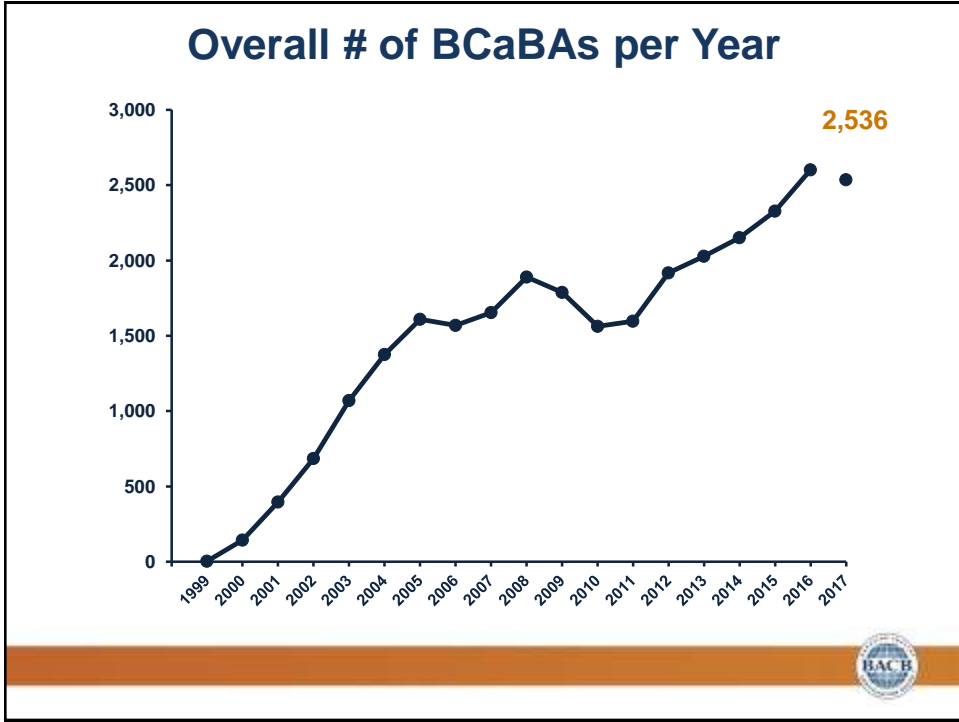
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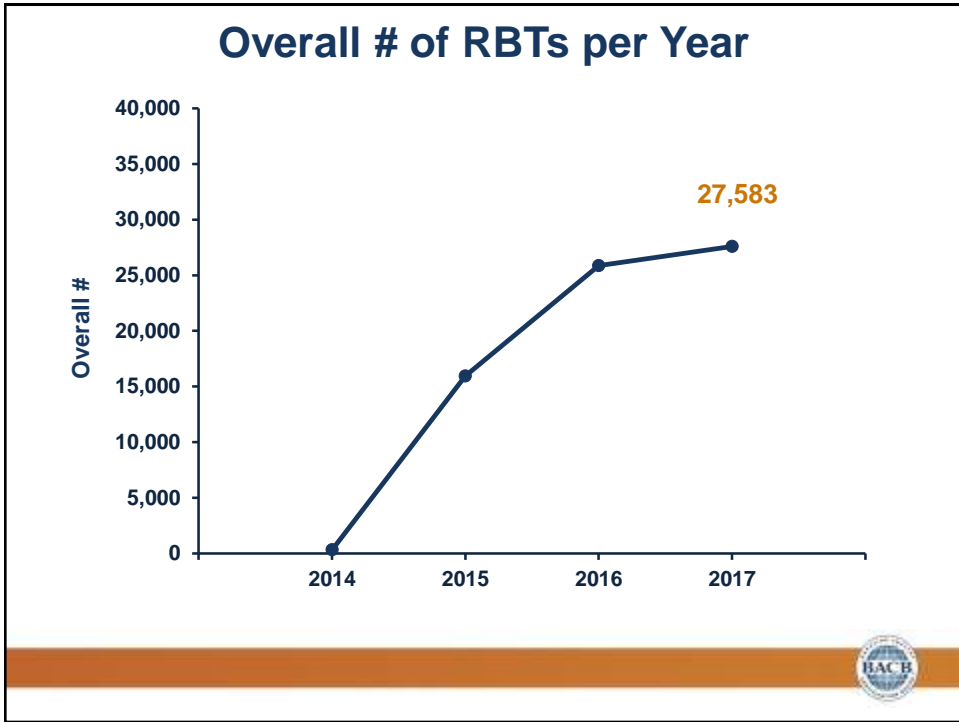


Data









Verified Course Sequences



Pre-vetted sequences of required coursework in behavior analysis



Verified Course Sequences at 287 Institutions



Verified Course Sequences at 202 Institutions



Global Support



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**.

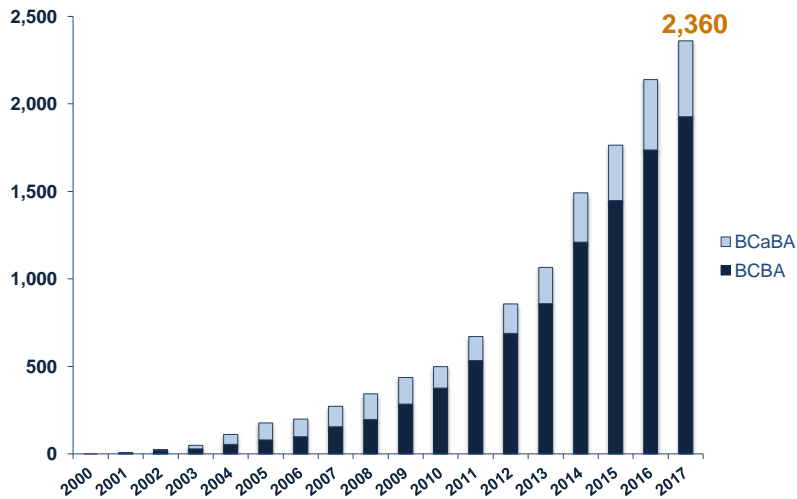


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Yearly # of Certificants Outside of the United States



2,360 Certificants in 80 Countries



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Argentina	1	Denmark	1	Kenya	2	Saudi Arabia	19
Australia	63	Dominican Republic	1	Kuwait	5	Singapore	8
Austria	1	Ecuador	1	Kyrgyzstan	1	Slovak Republic	2
Azerbaijan	1	Egypt	3	Lebanon	5	South Africa	3
Bahamas	2	Estonia	1	Luxembourg	1	South Korea	48
Bahrain	8	Finland	1	Malaysia	4	Spain	16
Barbados	1	France	50	Mexico	2	Sri Lanka	2
Belgium	3	Georgia	2	Mongolia	1	Sweden	15
Bermuda	3	Germany	25	New Zealand	31	Switzerland	10
Botswana	1	Greece	4	Nicaragua	1	Taiwan	24
Brazil	6	Guatemala	1	Nigeria	1	Thailand	3
Brunei Darussalam	1	Hungary	3	Norway	3	Trinidad & Tobago	1
Canada	1032	Iceland	7	Peru	2	Turkey	2
Cayman Islands	4	India	36	Philippines	3	The Netherlands	13
Chile	2	Indonesia	2	Poland	8	UAE	57
China	93	Ireland	122	Portugal	5	UK	274
Colombia	1	Israel	128	Qatar	4	Vietnam	4
Costa Rica	1	Italy	96	Rep. of Moldova	1		
Croatia	1	Jamaica	2	Reunion Island	2		
Cyprus	5	Japan	16	Romania	28		
Czech Republic	2	Jordan	2	Russia	10		

Verified Course Sequences at 85 Institutions in 34 Countries



VCS Institutions Outside US

Brazil	4	Lebanon	1
Canada	15	Malaysia	1
Chile	1	New Zealand	2
China	4	Nigeria	1
Croatia	1	Norway	1
Czech Republic	1	Peru	1
Dominican Republic	1	Philippines	1
Finland	1	Poland	2
France	3	Portugal	1
Greece	2	Russia	4
Iceland	1	Saudi Arabia	1
India	1	South Korea	5
Ireland	3	Spain	1
Israel	7	Sweden	1
Italy	6	Taiwan	3
Japan	1	United Arab Emirates	1
Kazakhstan	1	UK	5



International Conferences / Meetings

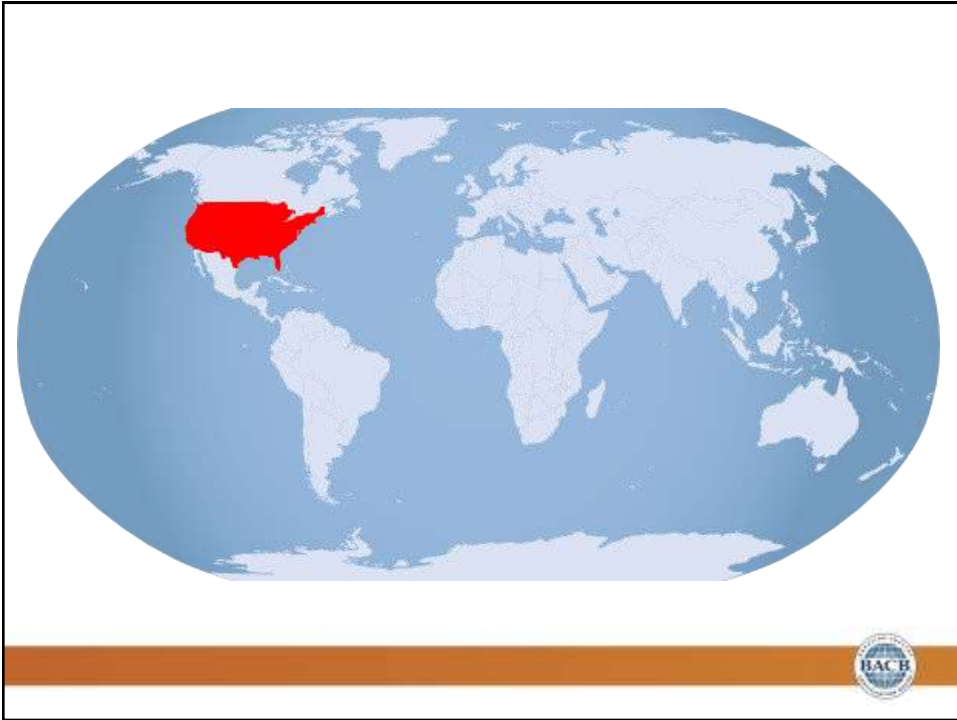
- Sapporo, Hakodate, Yokohama, Tokyo, **Japan**, July 2016
- Enna, **Sicily**, September 2016
- Melbourne, **Australia**, September 2016
- Moscow, **Russia**, September 2016
- Gdansk, **Poland**, October 2016
- Reykjavík, **Iceland**, November 2016
- Rio/Sao Carlos, **Brazil**, November 2016
- Paris, **France**, January 2017
- Rome, **Italy**, January 2017
- Tel Aviv, **Israel**, February 2017
- Joao Pessoa/Sao Carlos, **Brazil**, March 2017
- London, **England**, March 2017
- Bucharest, **Romania**, April 2017
- Qingdao, **China**, May 2017
- Rome, **Italy**, July, 2017
- Cadiz, **Spain**, July, 2017
- Guatemala City, **Guatemala**, August, 2017
- Riga, **Latvia**, August, 2017



Exam Languages

Language	BCBA	BCaBA
English	Available	Available
Spanish	Available	Available
Chinese	Available	Available
Hebrew	Available	Available
Italian	Available	Available
Brazilian Portuguese	Available	Available
Korean	Available	Available
Russian	Available	Available
Polish	Available	Available
Japanese	2018	2018
French	2018	2018
Arabic	2019	2019
Hindi	2019	2019





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
 2013 – Rep. John Scibak
 2014 – Mickey Keenan
 2015 – Sandra Harris
 2016 – Sharon Chien
2017 – Gina Green



Journals

The BACB is pleased to provide its certificants with the following scholarly journal and database resources.

ProQuest

- [ERIC Searchable Research Database](#)

Wiley

- [Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis](#)
- [Journal of the Experimental Analysis of Behavior](#)
- [Behavioral Interventions](#)

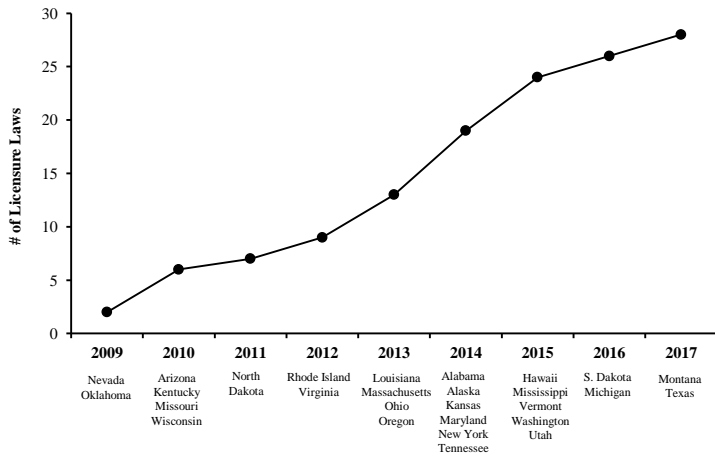


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Cumulative Progress



Current & Recent Legislative Activity

In Session

- Connecticut

Did not Progress in 2015-2017

- California
- Florida
- Illinois
- Iowa
- Minnesota
- North Carolina

Planning

- CO, GA, IN, NH, NM, PA, WY
- Ontario, Manitoba, & British Columbia



VCS Pass Rates Available



BCBA Examination Pass Rates for Approved Course Sequences 2013-2016

These data represent the annual number of first-time candidates from each Approved Course Sequence, along with the percentage of those who passed. Candidates are included in a course sequence's pass-rate data if they used coursework entirely from that sequence to meet the eligibility requirements for certification. Data are not reported for (a) course sequences within their first 4 years of operation or (b) course sequences with fewer than 5 first-time candidates during the year. Combined data are reported for course sequences that had too few candidates in each year, but 5 or more across a 2-year period.

Summary Statistics		
Year	Number of First-Time Candidates	Percentage Passing
2016	4,095	66%
2015	3,197	60%
2014	4,183	60%
2013	3,005	58%

Institution (Sorted by Percentage Passing in 2016)	ACS #	% Passing (# of First-time Candidates)		
		2016	2015	2014
University of Maryland Baltimore County	4233	100% (12)	78% (5)	92% (13)
University of Nevada Reno	4292	100% (10)	77% (7)	43% (14)
National University of Ireland Galway	4297	100% (8)	88% (7)	94% (16)

The Development of BACB Standards



National Commission for Certifying Agencies

Standards for the
Accreditation of Certification Programs



Standard 13: Panel Composition

The certification program must use panels of qualified **subject-matter experts (SMEs)** to provide insight and guidance and to participate in job analysis, standard setting, and other examination development activities.



Standards Development



SME Workgroup Diversity

Role	BCBA-D	BCBA	BCaBA	Non-US	Location	Seniority	Gender	Practice Area
Faculty	X				FL	Senior	M	
Faculty	X				OH	Senior	M	
Faculty	X				MI	Early	F	
Faculty	X				KS	Mid	M	
Faculty	X			X	Australia	Mid	F	
Faculty	X				CA	Mid	M	
Practitioner			X		FL	Mid	M	
Practitioner			X		MI	Early	M	
Practitioner			X	X	Canada	Early	F	
Practitioner		X			MA	Early	F	
Practitioner		X			CA	Mid	F	
Practitioner		X			MI	Mid	F	
Practitioner		X		X	France	Early	M	
Practitioner	X				CO	Mid	F	
Practitioner	X			X	United Kingdom	Mid	F	
Practitioner	X			X	Norway	Senior	M	



Recent / Upcoming Workgroups

July 2016: Diversity of Practice Think Tank

February 2017: Experience Standards

Fall 2017: RBT Standards

*Spring 2017: BCBA/BCaBA Degree / CEU
Requirements*



Coursework



January 2017



BCBA/BCaBA Task List (5th ed.)

Introduction

The BCBA/BCaBA Task List includes the knowledge and skills that serve as the Foundation for the BCBA and BCaBA certifications.

Structure

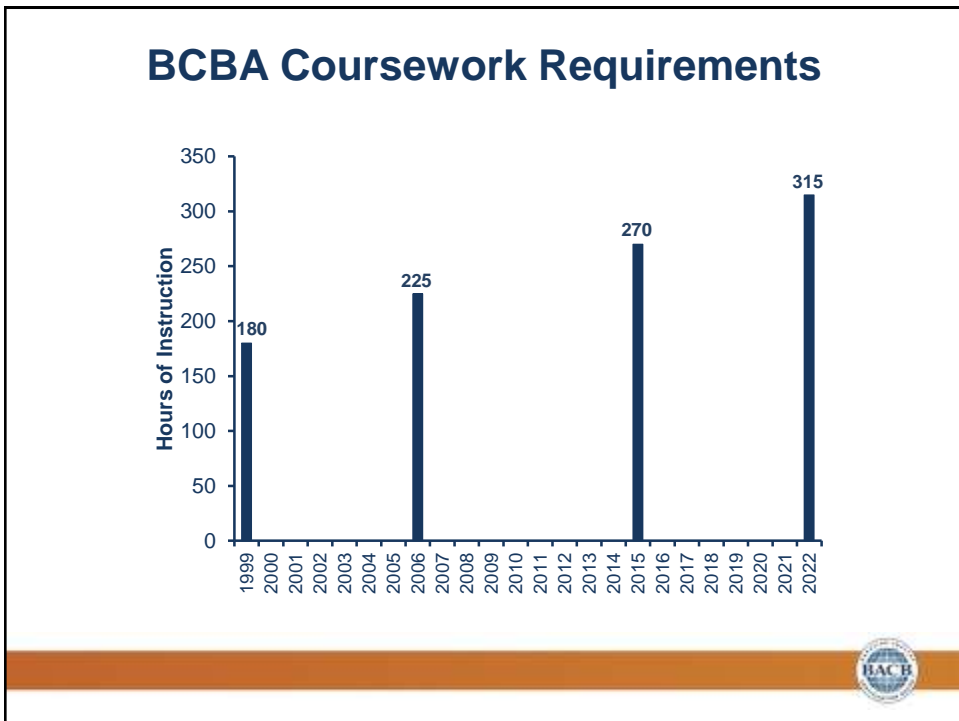
The BCBA/BCaBA Task List is organized to have major sections, *Foundations*, which includes basic skills and underlying principles and knowledge, and *Applications*, which includes more practice-oriented skills.

Section 1: Foundations

- A. Philosophical Underpinnings
- B. Concepts and Principles
- C. Measurement, Data Display, and Interpretation
- D. Experimental Design

Section 2: Applications

- E. Ethics (Professional and Ethical Compliance Code for Behavior Analysts)
- F. Behavior Assessment
- G. Behavior-Change Procedures
- H. Selecting and Implementing Interventions
- I. Personnel Supervision and Management

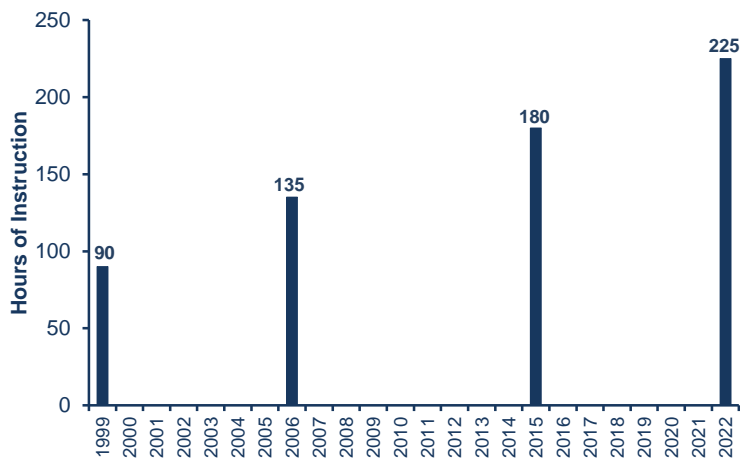



New Coursework Requirements: BCBA

Fifth Edition (Implementation: 2022)		Fourth Edition (Implementation: 2015)	
BACB Compliance Code and Disciplinary Systems; Professionalism <i>Note: The content must be taught in one or more freestanding courses.</i>	45 hrs	Ethical and Professional Conduct <i>Note: The content must be taught in one or more freestanding courses.</i>	45 hrs
Philosophical Underpinnings; Concepts & Principles <i>Note: 45 hours must be taught as one freestanding course on concepts and principles.</i>	90 hrs	Concepts and Principles of Behavior Analysis	45 hrs
Measurement, Data Display and Interpretation; Experimental Design <i>Note: The content must be taught in one freestanding course.</i>	45 hrs	Measurement (including data analysis)	25 hrs
Behavior Assessment	45 hrs	Experimental Design	20 hrs
Behavior-Change Procedures; Selecting and Implementing Interventions	60 hrs	Identification of the Problem and Assessment	30 hrs
Personnel Supervision and Management	30 hrs	Fundamental Elements of Behavior Change and Specific Behavior Change Procedures	45 hrs
		Intervention and Behavior Change Considerations	10 hrs
		Behavior Change Systems	10 hrs
		Implementation, Management, and Supervision	10 hrs
		Discretionary	30 hrs
Total	315 hrs	Total	270 hrs



BCaBA Coursework Requirements



New Coursework Requirements: BCaBA

Fifth Edition (implementation: 2022)		Fourth Edition (implementation: 2015)	
BACB Compliance Code and Disciplinary Systems; Professionalism <i>Note: 15 hours must be taught in one or more freestanding courses.</i>	30 hrs	Ethical and Professional Conduct	15 hrs
Philosophical Underpinnings; Concepts & Principles	45 hrs	Concepts and Principles of Behavior Analysis	45 hrs
Measurement, Data Display and Interpretation; Experimental Design	30 hrs	Measurement (including data analysis)	10 hrs
Behavior Assessment	45 hrs	Experimental Design	5 hrs
Behavior-Change Procedures; Selecting and Implementing Interventions	60 hrs	Identification of the Problem and Assessment	30 hrs
Personnel Supervision and Management	15 hrs	Fundamental Elements of Behavior Change and Specific Behavior Change Procedures	45 hrs
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		Behavior Change Systems	5 hrs
		Implementation, Management, and Supervision	5 hrs
		Discretionary	15 hrs
Total	225 hrs	Total	180 hrs



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New Journal Resources for BCAs and BCaBAs

Since 2009, the BACB has been publishing research in the *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis* (JABA) and *Journal of Experimental and Applied Behavior Analysis* (JEA). The BACB is pleased to announce that it has begun publishing data and methodology reports to help better support practitioners in their research efforts and to enhance the scientific community's understanding of the field. The BACB is pleased to announce that it has begun publishing data and methodology reports to help better support practitioners in their research efforts and to enhance the scientific community's understanding of the field. The BACB is pleased to announce that it has begun publishing data and methodology reports to help better support practitioners in their research efforts and to enhance the scientific community's understanding of the field.

Incentivized RBT Exam Availability

We are pleased to announce that the RBT certification is now available at an additional 13 sites worldwide. Candidates who are seeking certification through the BACB will be taking the following new locations: Australia (Perth, Adelaide, Darwin, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, Hobart, Canberra, Brisbane, Gold Coast, New Zealand (Auckland, Christchurch), and the Bahamas (Nassau). The BACB is pleased to announce that the RBT certification is now available at an additional 13 sites worldwide. Candidates who are seeking certification through the BACB will be taking the following new locations: Australia (Perth, Adelaide, Darwin, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, Hobart, Canberra, Brisbane, Gold Coast, New Zealand (Auckland, Christchurch), and the Bahamas (Nassau). The BACB is pleased to announce that the RBT certification is now available at an additional 13 sites worldwide. Candidates who are seeking certification through the BACB will be taking the following new locations: Australia (Perth, Adelaide, Darwin, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, Hobart, Canberra, Brisbane, Gold Coast, New Zealand (Auckland, Christchurch), and the Bahamas (Nassau).

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