

# An Update on the Behavior Analyst Certification Board

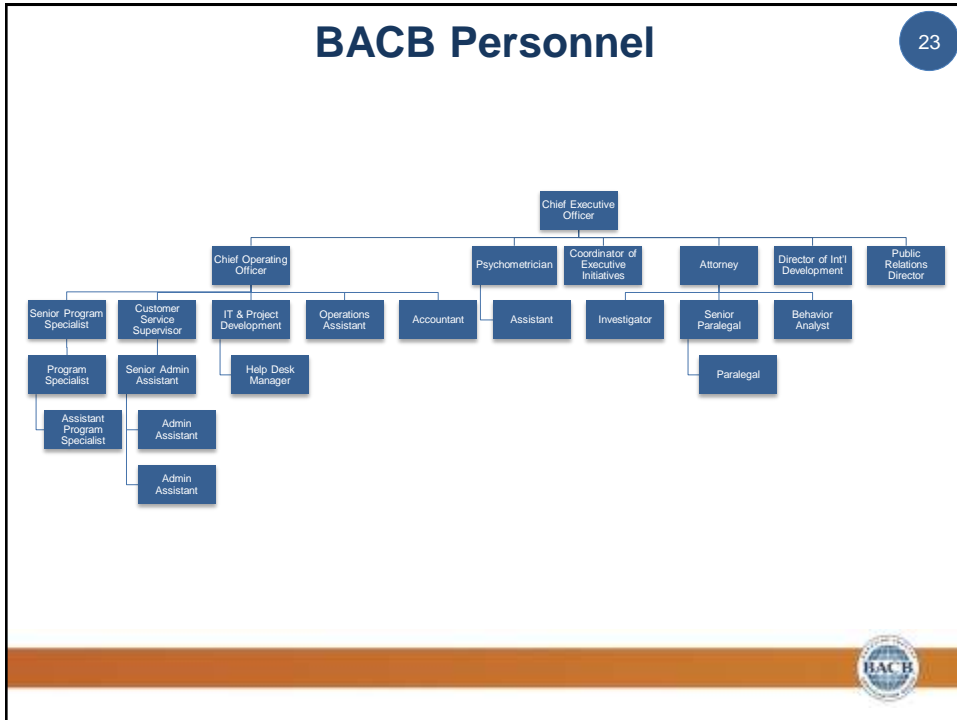
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## BACB Background

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

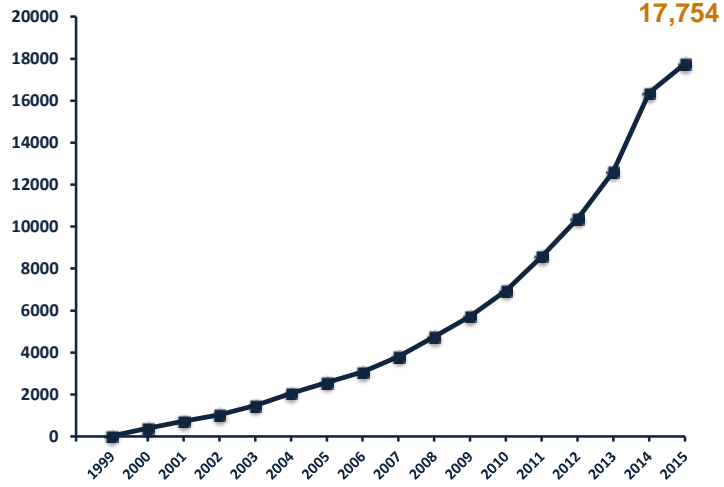




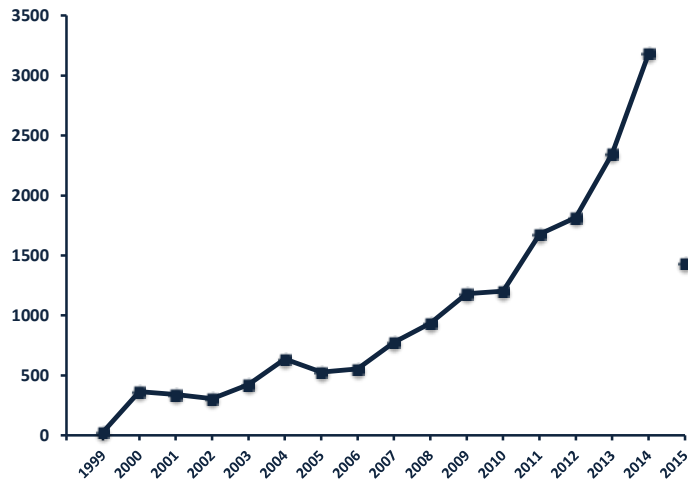
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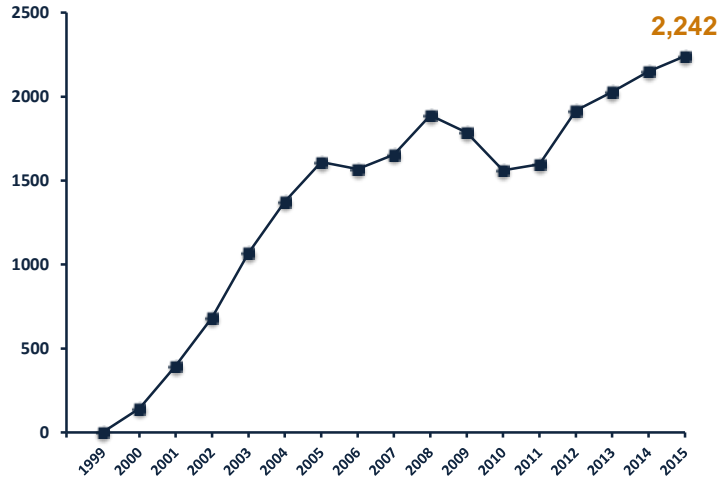
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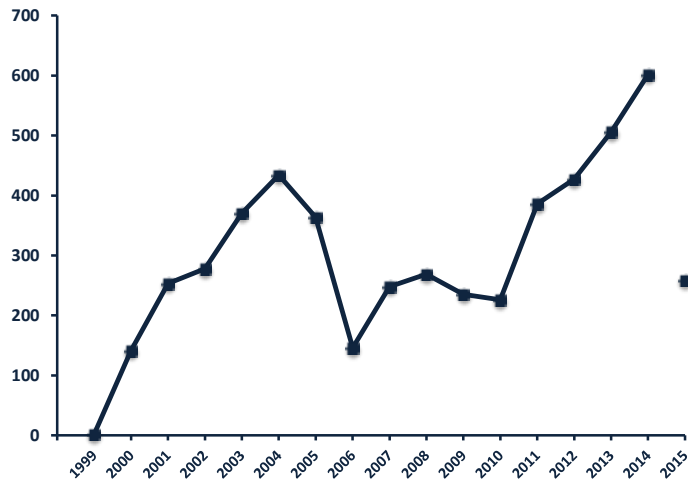
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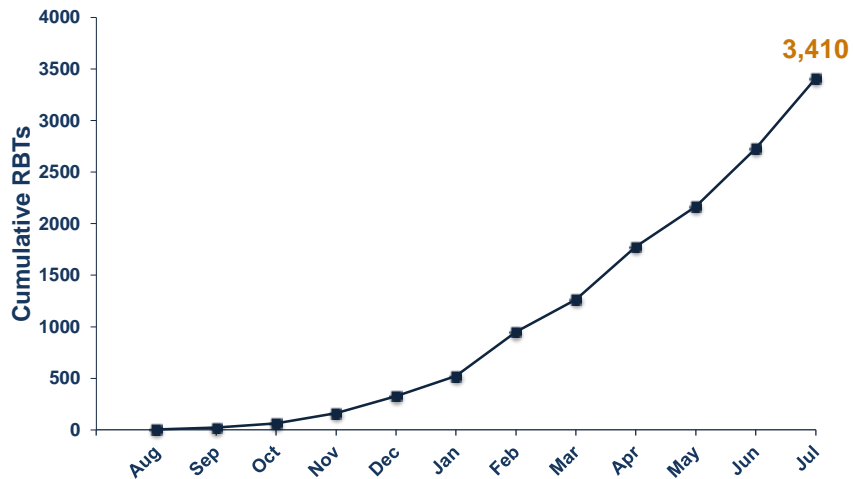
### Overall # of BCaBAs per Year



### New BCaBAs per Year



## Registered Behavior Technicians



## 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



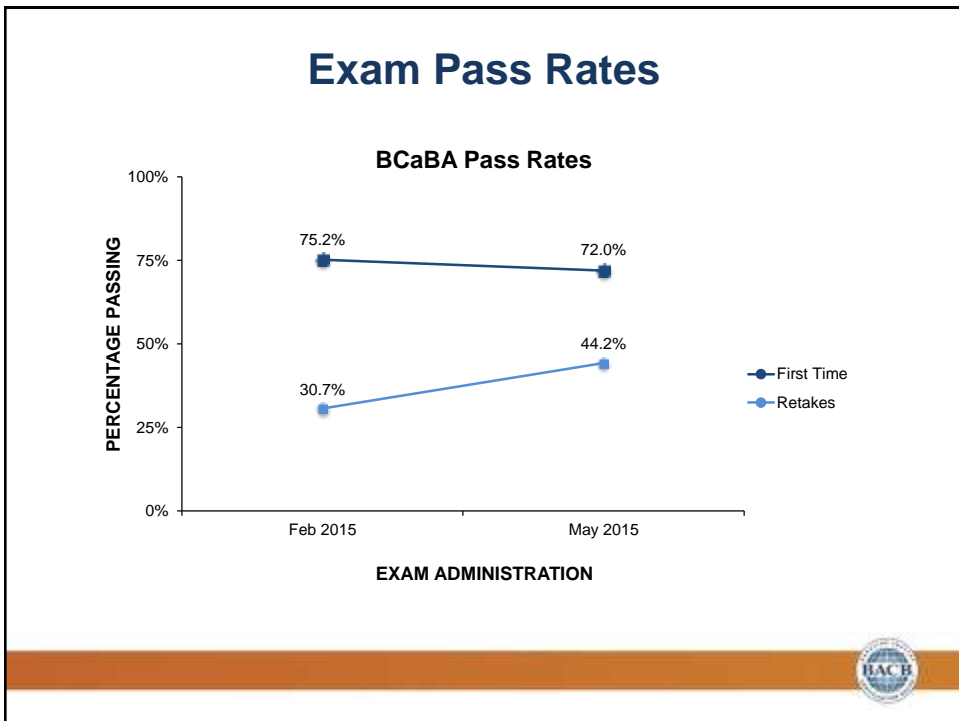
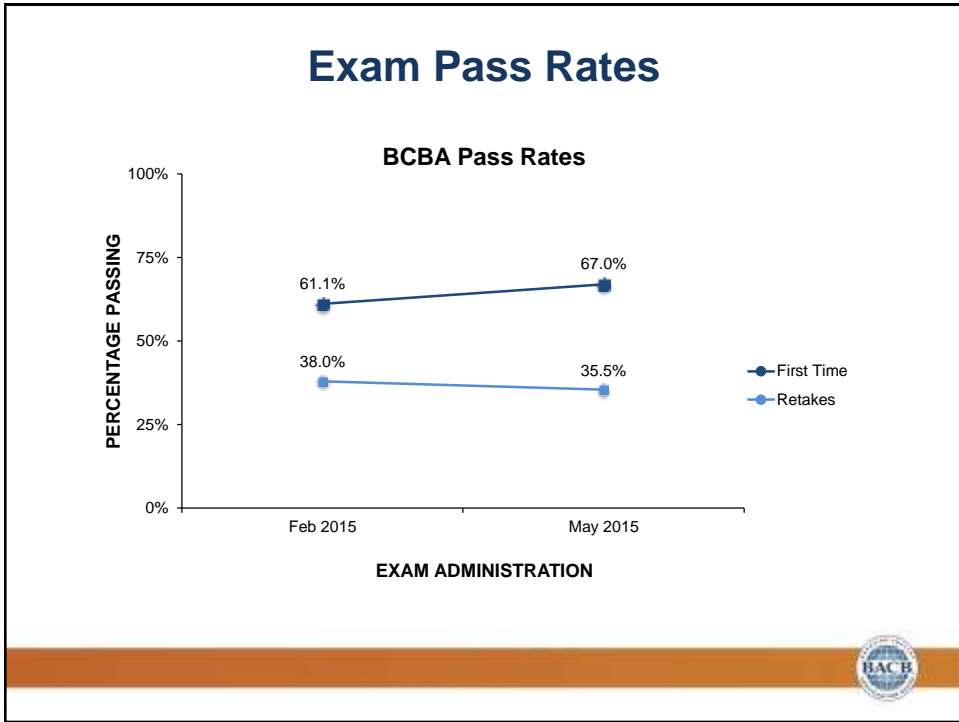
## Exam Administration

### Pearson VUE

- Worldwide Secure Exam Administration
- Over 400 Testing Sites Worldwide
- 4 Exam Windows: **February, May, August, November**







## 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**.

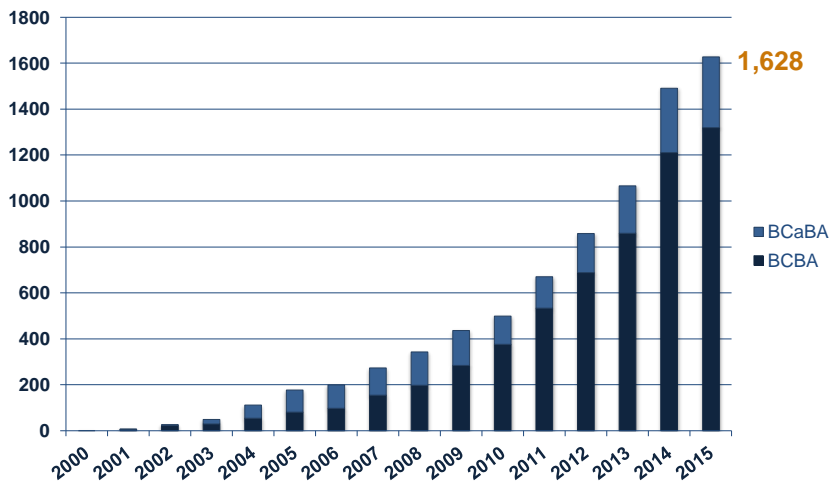


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## Yearly # of Certificants Outside of the United States



## 1,628 Certificants in 67 Countries



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



## 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



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## DEVELOPMENTS

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### **The Michael Hemingway Behavior Analysis Award**

- 2006 – Saul Axelrod
- 2007 – Sigrid Glenn
- 2008 – Lorri Unumb
- 2009 – Fran Warkowski
- 2010 – Richard Blumenthal
- 2011 – Greg Wagner
- 2012 – Jerry Shook
- 2013 – Rep. John Scibak
- 2014 – Mickey Keenan
- 2015 – Sandra Harris



# State Regulation



## US State Regulation of Behavior Analysts



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# Revised Ethics System

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BEHAVIOR ANALYST CERTIFICATION BOARD®

## Professional and Ethical Compliance Code for Behavior Analysts

*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



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## Revised ASD Practice Guidelines

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## 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



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## Revised BCaBA Supervision Standards

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## 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 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

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



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## ***BACB Newsletter***

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## 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!



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### About the BACB | Behavior Analyst Certification Board

The Behavior Analyst Certification Board, Inc. (BACB) is a national nonprofit organization established in 1982 to meet professional credentialing needs identified by behavior analysts, governments, and consumers of behavior analysis services. The BACB offers membership programs for board-certified professional counselors. The BACB's credentialing programs are currently subject to regular assessment, review and validation conducted by a job analysis source of the profession and standards establishment system awarded to the BACB. The Behavior Analyst Certification Board's (BACB) and BACB's credentialing programs are awarded by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA). NCCA is the accreditation body.

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### News

**Changes to BACB's Alternative Eligibility Requirements (AEL) March 20, 2015**

The National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA), which accredits the BACB's certification program, requires key elements to be met for certification for eligible candidates. At its most recent meeting in 2015, the BACB's Board of Directors authorized further review and potential modification of a number of standards. In July 2014, a 13-person...

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**Annual Certification Renewals are Now Streamlined**

At its most recent meeting, the BACB's Board of Directors unanimously approved several requirements for the BACB's annual renewal of certification. The changes to annual renewals are currently being implemented and will go into effect at each certificant's next certification cycle that begins on or after...

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