

BEHAVIOR ANALYST CERTIFICATION BOARD, INC.®

Application for Examination for

Board Certified Behavior Analyst® (BCBA®)

Instructions: There is a \$50 fee for completing this paper application. You will not be charged this additional fee if you enter your application online at www.bacb.com. Before completing an application, you must:

1. Review the Become Certified section of the BACB website at www.bacb.com to ensure that you have the *CURRENT* fees and have reviewed the *CURRENT* version of the application, and the disciplinary standards;
2. Review the Application FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions), Exam Information page and Exam Administrations page in the Become Certified section of www.bacb.com;
3. Complete the required sections of the Application Form (pages 1-4 are application policies and instructions only – return only the necessary forms, beginning on page 5);
4. Submit the required documentation that you have met the eligibility requirements;
5. Submit the proper current fees (application fees are not refundable);
6. Do not tape or staple any materials together; and
7. Make and maintain a copy of the entire application packet for your records. Once you submit an application packet to the BACB, it becomes the property of the BACB and will not be returned to you.

FEES – US DOLLARS

Original Application	\$230.00 (submitted online) \$280.00 (submitted via paper)
Insufficient Funds/Returned Check Fee	\$ 45.00
Late Application Fee	\$125.00

All fees must be paid either online by credit card with online applications or by personal check, money order or cashier's check in United States currency and made out to the Behavior Analyst Certification Board with paper applications. Application fees are not refundable.

Upon approval, you will be instructed to contact Pearson VUE to schedule a testing appointment. Pearson VUE will charge you a test administration fee of \$100 when you make this appointment.

Your application must be mailed to:

BACB – Exam Applications
2888 Remington Green Lane, Suite C
Tallahassee, FL 32308

If you have any questions while completing your applications, please contact us at applications@bacb.com or 850-765-0905.

You should mail your application by a verifiable, traceable method of delivery such as Delivery Confirmation. The BACB requires original signatures on paper applications or online submission. The BACB will not accept applications that are sent by fax or e-mail. BACB certification provides standards for behavior analysts practicing in the United States and worldwide. We seek to include certificants from throughout the world in our job analysis updates to help ensure that our standards are international in scope. However, the BACB does not assure or guarantee consistency with the standards (educational content, training, and laws) for any country, province or region outside of the United States.

APPLICATION POLICIES & GUIDELINES

BACB examination applications are accepted on a continuous basis. BACB examinations are computer-based and offered during month-long testing windows three times per year. Exact dates of the testing windows are available on the Exam Administrations page of www.bacb.com.

Applications are processed in the order in which they are received. **The BACB cannot guarantee that your application will be approved by a specific date.** If you would like to take the examination during a particular testing window, it is your responsibility to ensure that your application is complete and received by the BACB deadline for on-time applications for that testing window. See the Exam Administrations page for the deadline for the next administration.

Checks included with applications are typically deposited right away. Your check will probably be deposited before your application is reviewed. If your check has cleared your bank, it is a likely indication that your application has been received. You should allow at least two weeks for processing beyond the date your application is received.

Once your application is approved by the BACB, you will receive specific instructions on how to contact Pearson VUE, our test administration company. At that time, you will receive updated information about the availability of testing sites and dates.

Please note: Pearson VUE testing appointments may only be scheduled once your application has been approved by the BACB. Appointments are scheduled on a first-come, first-serve basis. We highly recommend applying early to foster early approval and priority scheduling of your testing appointment. Individuals whose applications are approved closer to the testing window dates may have limited choices in testing appointments. Approval to take the examination is valid for up to two years from the date your application was approved by the BACB, subject to continued compliance and reporting as required by the BACB Disciplinary Standards.

Email is the BACB's primary communication mode with applicants. If additional materials are needed to complete your application, we will notify you via email as soon as possible. Checking and responding to your email frequently can expedite your application approval. The BACB is not responsible for messages that are not received in a timely manner due to the applicant's failure to check email or due to the applicant's failure to notify the BACB of an email address change. To ensure that important messages from the BACB are not blocked by SPAM and junk email filters, add applications@bacb.com to your address book and BACB.com to your list of safe domains.

If your application is not approved for any reason, such as incomplete documentation, you will not be permitted to sit for the test. Incomplete applications will remain open for up to two years from the date of submission, during which time you may provide additional documentation without having to reapply. It is best to apply well in advance of your desired testing window so that there is adequate time for the BACB to process your application and for you to respond to any deficiencies.

TRAINING/EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS: DEFINITIONS

All applicants must provide documentation that they meet the degree, training and experience requirements in order for their application to be approved. Applicants may meet the Training/Experience requirements using one of three options: a combination of Acceptable Coursework and Experience, a combination of College Teaching and Experience or a combination of a Doctorate and Experience. This application is for the Coursework and Experience Option and following this page is a checklist for the Coursework and Experience Option. Please make sure you have the correct application for the option you would like to use. You should use the checklist below to ensure you have included all of the required documentation with your application. Do not include the checklist page with your application.

ACCEPTABLE COURSEWORK

In order to be accepted, college or university coursework must be behavior analytic in nature and cover the content areas specified on the Course Content Verification form. Coursework must be taken for graduate credit and passed with a grade of “C” or better. Grade and credit-type must appear on a university-issued transcript. Unofficial transcripts issued by the university are usually acceptable, provided they contain all of the information needed to process the application. **Transcripts downloaded from university web sites will NOT be accepted.** Courses must be taken from an institution that meets the requirements specified in Part B of this application.

ACCEPTABLE EXPERIENCE

See the Becoming Certified or Downloads sections of www.BACB.com for experience definitions and forms.

CHECKLIST FOR COURSEWORK/EXPERIENCE OPTION

I have enclosed the application fee, including the paper fee or late fee, if applicable. See the first page of this application for fees.

I meet the Degree Requirement, as described in Part B: I have enclosed a completed Part B: Degree Requirement providing information about my bachelors and masters (or higher) degrees. I have also included documentation of my masters (or higher) degree.

I meet the Coursework Requirement: Completion of 225 contact hours of graduate level in-classroom instruction in the following content areas and for the number of hours specified (practicum hours cannot be counted toward this requirement unless the hours are in-university classroom instruction and adequate supporting documentation is provided):

- a. 15 hours in ethical considerations in behavior analysis
- b. 45 hours in definitions and characteristics & principles, processes and concepts
- c. 35 hours in behavioral assessment & selecting intervention outcomes strategies
- d. 20 hours in experimental evaluation of interventions
- e. 20 hours in measurement of behavior & displaying and interpreting data
- f. 45 hours in behavior change procedures & systems support
- g. 45 hours Discretionary

I have enclosed documentation that I meet the Coursework Requirement:

- I have enclosed a **university issued transcript** (does not have to be official) which verifies successful completion of all relevant courses. (Unofficial transcripts issued by the university are usually acceptable, provided they contain all of the information needed to process the application. **Transcripts downloaded from university web sites are NOT accepted.**)
 - If courses are from a BACB approved course sequence, you **MUST** highlight each approved course used to qualify on your transcript and complete the **Approved Coursework Documentation Form** found at the end of this application.
- If you are submitting coursework that is not from a BACB approved course sequence, you **MUST** enclose a completed **Course Content Verification Form** (see separate document available in the Downloads section of www.BACB.com) and supporting documentation.
 - Supporting documentation for behavior analysis content must be provided for any course that is not from a BACB approved course sequence. Preferred documentation is the course syllabus. Letters submitted from instructors to verify coursework must specifically state that the instruction was in-classroom and the number of contact hours between instructor and you that addressed each of the specific content areas. For more information on the kinds of supporting documentation that may be used, see the Application FAQs on www.bacb.com.
 - Note: Practicum hours cannot be counted toward the coursework requirement unless they are in-university classroom instruction, in which case, they cannot be counted toward both the coursework requirement; and the experience requirement. Letters submitted from instructors should state the number of in-class instructor/applicant contact hours.

I meet the Experience Requirement.

I have enclosed documentation that I meet the Experience Requirement: I gave my supervisors a copy of the definitions of acceptable experience. Each of my supervisors and I have completed an Experience Verification form for each experience, which is included with my application.

Mandatory Background Information: This information is for statistical purposes and will be treated as confidential by the BACB.

Position Title: Check the title that most closely describes your position title or career track:

- Administrator
- Behavior Analyst
- Consultant/ Trainer
- Professor/Academic Instructor
- Psychologist/Therapist
- Not Applicable/Not Currently Employed/Prefer Not to Answer
- School Teacher
- Social Worker
- Speech/Language Pathologist
- Student
- Other _____

Primary Age Group: Check the age group that best represents the majority of your clients:

- Infants
- Children
- NA/Not Currently Employed/Prefer Not to Answer
- Adults
- Geriatric

Degree: Check your highest educational degree earned:

- Bachelors
- Masters
- Specialist
- Doctorate
- Other

Primary Emphasis: Check the category that best describes your primary emphasis:

- Behavior Analysis
- Positive Behavior Support
- Precision Teaching
- Direct Instruction
- Organizational Management
- Behavior Therapy
- Language Disorders
- Education
- Medicine
- Pharmacology
- Psychology
- Social Work
- Counseling
- Other: _____

Professional Credentials: Check **all** of the professional licenses or certifications that you currently hold:

- Licensed Psychologist
- Social Worker
- School Psychologist
- Marriage & Family Therapist
- Mental Health Counselor
- Speech Pathologist
- Other _____
- Medicine
- Occupational Therapist
- Physical Therapist
- ABPP Board Certified in Cognitive & Behavioral Psychology
- None

Primary Area of Work: Check the area that best describes your client population:

- Autism
- Other Developmental Disabilities
- Mental Health
- Alcohol/Drug Abuse
- Business/Industry/Government
- Education - Regular K-12
- Not Applicable
- Education - Special Ed
- Education – College
- Dependency/Foster Care
- Families/Couples
- Health
- Other: _____

Professional Organizations: Check **all** of the professional organizations of which you are a member:

- ABA
- Regional Association _____
- APA
- Div 33 of APA
- Div 25 of APA
- ASHA
- AAMR
- ASA
- Other _____
- AABT
- APS
- NASP
- APBA
- CEC
- NASW
- ABCT
- CCBS
- None

NOTE: The following items are for statistical purposes only and will not affect application review. Completion is optional.

Gender: Female Male

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Ethnicity: _____

If you have taken a behavior analysis certification examination before, please give the year or years and state:

PART B: DEGREE REQUIREMENT

ALL applicants for eligibility to sit for the examination for Board Certified Behavior Analyst **MUST** verify that they have a minimum of a Bachelors degree and attach documentation of at least a Masters degree from any of the following:

BACHELORS DEGREE OBTAINED FROM (Check One):

- United States institution of higher education fully accredited by a regional or national accrediting body
- An institution that is accredited as a member in good standing of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada
- An institution of higher education located outside the United States or Canada that, at the time the applicant was enrolled and at the time the applicant graduated, maintained a standard of training equivalent to the standards of training of those institutions accredited in the United States. Anyone who meets the eligibility requirements will be allowed to sit for the examination. Certificates will indicate that the certification is based on the United States Standards (Job Analysis) for Board Certified Behavior Analyst.

Bachelors Degree: By providing the BACB with the information below, you are confirming that you possess this degree. You do not need to provide a copy of your diploma or transcript for your Bachelors Degree. If all of your coursework used to qualify for certification is from a BACB approved course sequence and you have a master's degree, a bachelor's degree is not required.

Name of Educational Institution: _____

Location: _____

Date Received: _____

MASTERS or HIGHER DEGREE OBTAINED FROM (Check One):

- United States institution of higher education fully accredited by a regional or national accrediting body
- An institution that is accredited as a member in good standing of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada
- An institution of higher education located outside the United States or Canada that, at the time the applicant was enrolled and at the time the applicant graduated, maintained a standard of training equivalent to the standards of training of those institutions accredited in the United States. Anyone who meets the eligibility requirements will be allowed to sit for the examination. Certificates will indicate that the certification is based on the United States Standards (Job Analysis) for Board Certified Behavior Analyst.

A UNIVERSITY ISSUED TRANSCRIPT MUST BE ATTACHED TO VERIFY YOUR HIGHEST DEGREE.

If the transcript does not **CLEARLY** indicate the degree awarded, you must also include a copy of your Diploma.

Highest Degree Obtained: _____

Name of Educational Institution: _____

Location: _____

PART C: ELIGIBILITY AFFIDAVIT

MANDATORY QUESTIONS

1. Have you read, are you in compliance with, and do you agree to continued compliance with all Behavior Analyst Certification Board (“BACB”) rules and regulations, as may be revised, including, but not limited to, the BACB educational and experiential requirements, application standards, application FAQs, disciplinary and appeal standards, renewal, recertification, reentry rules, fees and application requirements?

YES ____ NO ____ . **Applications with “NO” responses will not be processed.**

2. Do you have a physical or mental condition or addiction to any substance that could impair competent and objective professional performance of behavior analysis services and/or jeopardize public health and safety?

YES ____ NO ____ . **Explain any “YES” responses on an attached sheet of paper.**

3. Have you been subject to an investigation or disciplinary action by a health care organization, professional association, governmental entity or regulatory or licensing agency or authority, and/or have you ever been convicted, found or entered a plea of guilty, or are you presently being investigated or charged with any felony or misdemeanor directly relating to behavior analysis services or public health and safety?

YES ____ NO ____ . **On an attached sheet of paper you must identify ALL investigations, allegations, charges and outcomes. Attach documentation if available.**

Note: If you are currently imprisoned, on probation or parole or a case is being appealed, the BACB may deny certification or recertification until three (3) years following the exhaustion of your appeal, completion of probation or parole, or final release from imprisonment, whichever is later.

YOU MUST NOTIFY THE BACB IMMEDIATELY IF ANY CIRCUMSTANCES ARISE THAT WOULD MODIFY A RESPONSE YOU HAVE PROVIDED ON THIS APPLICATION.

BACB CERTIFICANT INFORMATION RELEASE POLICY

The BACB provides an internet registry listing CERTIFICANT NAME, CITY, STATE/PROVINCE and COUNTRY.

_____ Check here if you **DO NOT** want your information to appear in the registry. Unless you check this space, your information will be automatically added to the registry when you become BACB certified.

The internet registry allows users to search for certificants by zip code. Users are able to email certificants from a link in the registry. The user is not given the certificant’s actual email address.

_____ Check here if you **DO NOT** want to be emailed from the registry. Unless you check this space, users will be able to email you from the internet registry.

It is the intention of the BACB Board of Directors to provide you with access to important information regarding training, educational, job, and research opportunities. To achieve this goal, the BACB may provide your name and address to organizations interested in notifying you of behavior analysis educational programs, events, jobs, surveys or research.

_____ Check here if you **DO NOT** want your name and address included in these lists.

MANDATORY CERTIFICATION PROCESSING AGREEMENT

The Behavior Analyst Certification Board agrees to process this application subject to your agreement to the following terms and conditions:

1. To read, remain current, be bound by and comply with all BACB rules relating to eligibility, certification, renewal, recertification, reentry and conduct, including, but not limited to, payment of applicable fees (which are non-refundable), demonstration of educational and experiential requirements, satisfaction of renewal and continuing education requirements, compliance with the BACB disciplinary standards, and compliance with all BACB documentation and reporting requirements, as may be revised from time to time, with notice of revisions to be published in the BACB Newsletter and/or on the BACB website. You are responsible for checking the BACB website regularly for changes, revisions and additions to the standards and you are deemed to have received notice of the changes, revisions and additions within 30 days of the date they are posted on the website.
2. It is the policy of the BACB not to release candidate information provided and contained in BACB applications, unless such information relates to pending or final disciplinary actions and/or is requested by a state or federal licensing authority, agency, court of law, or otherwise properly subpoenaed. The BACB does offer an online Certificant Registry and also licenses use of the BACB mailing list/labels to third parties. By applying, you authorize the BACB to publish and/or release your certification or recertification status on the Certificant Registry (along with contact information and your willingness to serve as a supervisor, if applicable) and you authorize the BACB to publish and/or release any final or pending disciplinary (professional conduct) decisions to state licensing boards or agencies, other health care organizations, professional associations, employers or the public. Unless there is a pending or final disciplinary action against you, the BACB will allow you to opt out of appearing on the Certificant Registry; at any time, you may opt out of the BACB mailing list/labels.
3. To hold the BACB harmless, and to waive, release and exonerate the BACB, its officers, directors, employees, committee members, panel members and agents from any claims that you may have against the BACB arising out of the BACB's review of this application, or any future applications relating to eligibility for certification, renewal, recertification or reinstatement, conduct of the examination, issuance of a disciplinary (professional conduct) sanction or decision, and/or publication or third-party disclosure in accordance with Clause 2 of this Agreement.
4. To accurately identify to others (including employers and clients) that BACB certification, if granted, acknowledges that you have met the BACB's minimum standards, but does not warrant or guarantee your competence to provide professional services, and to indemnify the BACB from and against any liability that may arise from the BACB's issuance of your certification or recertification and your professional practice.
5. To only provide information in your application to the BACB that is true and accurate to the best of your knowledge. You agree to revocation or other limitation of your certification, if granted, should any statement made on this application or hereafter supplied to the BACB be found to be false or inaccurate or if you violate any of the rules or regulations of the BACB.
6. If this application is NOT completed and approved by the BACB within two (2) years from the date it was submitted, this application will expire and a new application will need to be submitted.
7. Once your application is approved by the BACB, you will have two (2) years from the approval date to sit for and pass the examination. If you do not take and pass the examination within two years you will need to reapply under the then-current standards and pay the then-current application fees.

8. In the event that you fail the examination and want to retake the examination, you must do so within two years from your original approval date, or you will no longer be deemed eligible for certification, and must reapply and pay all fees in order to reestablish your eligibility.

9. To abide by the following testing conditions:

- The BACB and Pearson VUE reserve the right to refuse admission to any BACB examination if you do not have the proper identification, or if administration has begun. If you are refused admission for any of these reasons or fail to appear at the test site, you will not be entitled to a refund of the application or administration fees. During the examination, the use of scratch paper, calculators, or reference to textbooks or notes is prohibited and you are not allowed to remove any examination materials from the administration room.
- The BACB examinations are only offered to individuals who are seeking BACB certification or recertification, and for no other purpose. The BACB examinations and individual questions are copyright protected and highly confidential trade secrets. Any disclosure or reconstruction of test questions and content shall be a violation of BACB rules and subject to damages including, but not limited to, the cost of replacing the compromised question(s) and reconstruction of the examination, if advisable, at the discretion of the BACB.
- Proctors are authorized to maintain a secure and proper test administration. You may not communicate with other examinees during the examination. Any irregular, disruptive, inappropriate or suspected cheating behavior by you may result in your relocation or removal from the examination site and/or a refusal to release your examination scores; in such event, your examination and administration fees will not be refunded or deferred.
- The examination is designed to determine whether applicants possess sufficient knowledge to become certified. The examination is not designed to rank order those examinees who achieve passing scores. Consequently, the BACB does not provide numeric scores to passing candidates.
- Failing candidates will be provided with numeric scores and with an indication of their performance level in each of the major examination content areas. This information is provided solely for the purpose of providing applicants with an indication of areas where they may wish to complete additional study. You are not and will not be allowed to review your examination, appeal your examination scores or individual examination questions, contest examination content, require public release (via subpoena or other legal action) of examination content, or request alternative methods of scoring your examination

By submitting this application, you acknowledge and affirm that you have carefully read and understand these rules and requirements and that you agree to abide by these terms.

SIGNATURE: _____

PRINTED NAME: _____

DATE: _____

