

What to Look for in an ABA Agency

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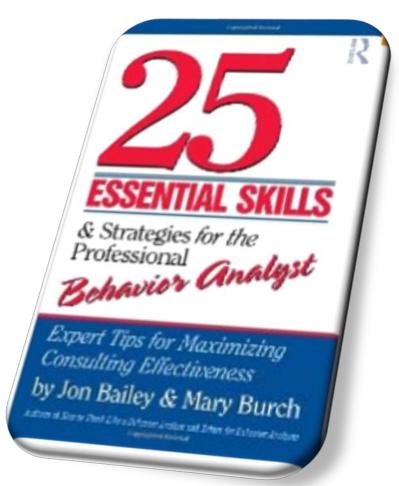
Some Helpful Videos on youtube

- What is Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) and what does an ABA program look like (3:53 min)?
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= Hsjb76t9ME
- What exactly does a behavior analyst do (5:22 min)?
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tfam9Bsr_rw&noh tml5=False





Excellent handbook of basic tips for success!



Excellent tool! Some content I find very helpful:

- Business etiquette, attire, and demeanor
- First impressions
- Leadership skills and public relations
- Interpersonal communication skills
- How can you be likeable
- Persuasion and influence (credibility)
- Negotiation and public speaking
- Handling difficult people
- Thinking behaviorally; think function!
- Seeing yourself and modeling
- Performance management skills
- Time management skills
- Dealing with stress
- Knowing when to seek help



Did You Know Forbes Listed the Position As....

The Most and Least Meaningful Occupations

Most Meaningful

#1. Orthopedic surgeon

#2. Police Chief

#3. Youth Minister

#4. Elementary School Principal

#5. Assisted Living Administrator

#6. ABA Therapist

Go to

http://www.forbes.com/pictures/fjle45lhem/no-6-most-meaningful-job/





NO. 6 MOST MEANINGFUL JOB: APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS (ABA) THERAPIST

National Median Pay: \$26,600

% High Job Meaning: 96%

Looking for an Employer?

- See the "Employment Board" to the left of Sierra Hall 304 for job postings.
- See <u>www.calaba.org</u> and click on Employment Opportunities
- See autismspeaks.org
 - Click on Resource Guide under Families and Adults
 - Under Interventions, click on Applied Behavior Analysis
 - In California





Applied Behavior Analysis Treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorder:

Practice Guidelines for Healthcare Funders and Managers

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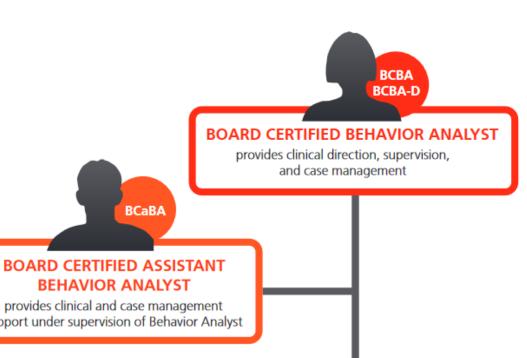
POSSIBLE TREATMENT LOCATIONS

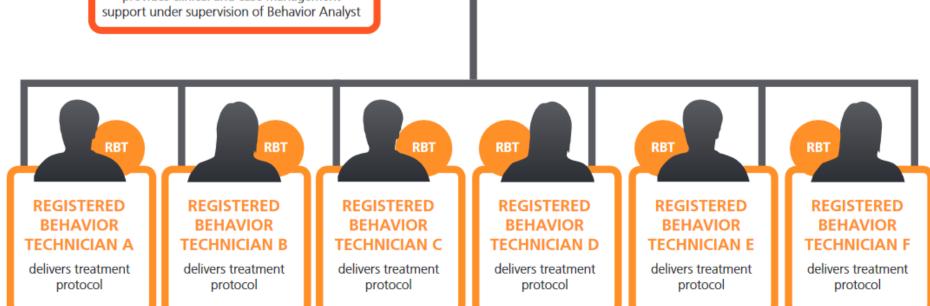


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Outcomes

- Poor staff training and infrequent follow-up
 - Compromised rate and quality of staff-consumer interactions (Finn & Sturmey, 2009)
 - Low consumer task engagement (Szczech, 2008)
 - Reduced opportunities for consumers to make choices (Reid, Green & Parsons, 2003)
 - Decreased teaching opportunities (Schepis, Reid, Ownbey, & Parsons, 2001)
 - Low treatment integrity (Catania et al., 2009)
 - Higher levels of problem behavior (Wilder et al., 2006; DiGennaro et al., 2007)
 - Lack of consumer improvement (e.g., DiGennaro, Martens, & Kleinmann, 2007)
 - Errors committed during DTT were directly responsible for degree of skill acquisition (DiGennaro Reed et al., 2011)





What Staff Say

- Turnover costs 15-200% of employee annual salary
 - ~\$5,000 per technician
 - Not accounting for loss of continuity of care, client trust, loss of knowledge, lowered morale
- Four variables predicted 37% of employees' intent to quit (Kazemi, Shapiro, & Kavner, 2015)
 - Satisfaction with
 - 1. Initial and ongoing training
 - 2. Behavior of supervisors
 - 3. Pay (not actual amount paid)
 - 4. Company structure and meaningfulness of job

Why People Quit Your Company And How Behavior Analysis Can Slow The Revolving Door At ABA Service Providers.

TOPICS: I Hate My Job I Went To Quit My Job Why People Quit Their Jo



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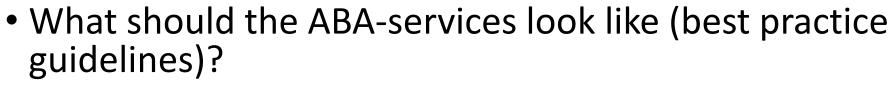
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About the RBT Credential

- RBT
 - Overview
 - Requirements
 - Task List for 40-hr Training
 - Competency Assessment
 - Board Exam



See the BACBs Practice Guidelines





Current BACB Standards for RBT[™]



- 1. Be at least 18 years of age
- Submit transcript or diploma verifying at least completion of high school or equivalent
- 3. Submit certificate of completion of a 40-hr RBT[™] Training conducted by a BACB certificant
- 4. Submit completed RBTTM Competency Assessment on which they demonstrated competency in each task as determined by the assessor (involves interview and direct-observation)
- 5. Complete a criminal background check no more than 45 days prior to submitting an application
 - Identify a Responsible Certificant
- 6. Take and pass a board exam at a Pearson Site

RBTTM Training

- Must be completed within a 90-day period
 - Does not expire and applicant can apply months or years later, assuming training requirements do not change
- Must be conducted by a BCBA-D®, BCBA®, or BCaBA®
- Must cover all tasks and subtasks in RBTTM Task List and designated ethics codes
- Must be a cumulative duration of 40-hrs
 - At least 3 hrs. devoted to ethics
- May be in person or online
- May be didactic (e.g., lecture-based) or experiential (e.g., role-play)



Alternative Pathway (May 2015 Newsletter)

- Training obtained prior or January 1, 2015, which was not completed within a 90-day period, may be acceptable if it can be demonstrated (by attestation from certificant) that
 - a) The training covered the required content from the RBT Task List and met all other related training requirements and
 - b) Since completion of the training, the applicant has continued to perform *RBT Task List* duties at an acceptable level.



The RBTTM Competency Assessment

- Must be administered by a BACB certificant following completion of 40-hr training
- Must demonstrate competency in each task as determined by assessor
- Must be completed no longer than one year prior to applying
- May be conducted by the same certificant who provided training
 - Assessor must have completed 8-hr supervisor training
- May be administered by more than one assessor
- May be administered in person or via internet
- May be administered over multiple sessions
- The final determination of competency must not include feedback
- Documentation
 - Updated version of RBT Competency Assessment is now available (option for multiple assessors)
 - Assessors can create and submit their own custom documentation as long as all information on BACB documentation is included
 - BACB now accepts electronic signatures on all documents

Exam

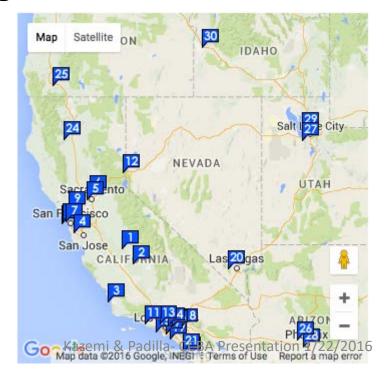
- Based on RBT Task List
- 75 scored items and 10 unscored pilot items
- Candidates have 1.5 hours to complete

Content Area	Number of Questions		
A. Measurement	10		
B. Assessment	8		
C. Skill Acquisition	24		
D. Behavior Reduction	12		
E. Documentation and Reporting	10		
F. Professional Conduct and Scope of Practice	11		
Total Number of Questions Kazemi & Padilla- CCBA Presentation 1/2	75		



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- Administered through Pearson Professional Center sites
 - Offered continuously and on-demand
- Results available immediately on-site upon completion
- Can be retaken as soon as a week after a failed attempt



Registry

- New RBTs appear within one week of application approval
- Registry will be the only source of confirmation of registration status
- RBTs without a Responsible Certificant will not appear in Registry, but credential will not be expired.
- If an RBTTM is not currently providing behavior analytic services, then the monthly supervision is not required to maintain the credential.
 - must still complete annual renewals to maintain the credential.

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Behavior Technician Registry

Search Results

New Search

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Name	City	State	Country	Supervisor	Approx
Flores, Erik	Northridge	CA	United States	Vittorio Matinata	1.15 m
Chao, Michael	Northridge	CA	United States	Alison Stanley	1.15 m
Chairoj, Pamela	North Hills	CA	United States	Reibert Reyes	1.49 m
Aragon, Michael	North Hills	CA	United States	Tenny Baghdasari Chalian	1.49 m
Jinez, Esmeralda	Northridge	CA	United States	Tenny Baghdasari Chalian	1.49 m
Moskovyan, Armine	North Hills	CA	United States	Korena Saunby	1.49 m
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Sims, Ashley	Granada Hills	CA	United States	Susan Rischall	2.88 n
Wilkinson, Kelly	Van Nuys	CA	United States	Alison Stanley	2.95 n



RBT Supervision and Renewal (October 2015 Newsletter)

Supervision

- Min of 5% of hours spent providing services per month
 - At least 2 face-to-face, synchronous contacts per month
 - a) only one must be one-on-one, the other can occur in a small-group meeting, and
 - b) only one must involve direct observation of the RBT providing services.
 - Supervision not required when RBT is not providing services

Annual Renewal

- 30 days from date of expiration to renew and submit documents
 - Completion of RBT Competency Assessment



Questions

- SABA's website is http://csun-sabaclub.wixsite.com/saba
 - Upcoming events
 - See what they offer
- Contact the organization at <u>SABA.CSUN@GMAIL.COM</u>

