

PA License for Behavior Specialists		Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA Option 1)		
Education	<p>Masters Degree (or higher) or a Post-Masters Certificate through an accredited college/university with a major course of study in school including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clinical, developmental, or counseling psychology • special education • social work • speech language pathology • occupational therapy • professional counseling • behavior analysis • nursing • another related field 	<p>Minimum of a graduate degree in an acceptable field from a qualifying institution, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • behavior analysis • education • psychology <p>Degrees may also be accepted from programs in which the candidate completed a BACB verified course sequence</p>		
Coursework	<p>90 hours of evidence-based coursework, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethics approved by the Bureau of Autism Services (3 hrs.) • Autism-Specific Coursework or Training (18 hrs.) • Assessment Coursework or Training (16 hrs.) • Instructional Strategies and Best Practices (16 hrs.) • Crisis Intervention (8 hrs.) • Comorbidity and Medications (8 hrs.) • Family Collaboration (5 hrs.) • Specific-Skill Deficit Training (16 hrs.) 	<p>270 hours of graduate-level instruction in the following content areas and for the number of hours specified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethical and Professional Conduct (45 hrs.) • Concepts and Principles of Behavior Analysis (45 hrs.) • Research Methods in Behavior Analysis <i>Measurement- including Data Analysis (25 hrs.)</i> <i>Experimental Design (20 hrs.)</i> • Applied Behavior Analysis <i>Fundamental Elements of Behavior Change & Specific Behavior Change Procedures (45 hrs.)</i> <i>Identification of the Problem & Assessment (30 hrs.)</i> <i>Intervention & Behavior Change Considerations (10 hrs.)</i> <i>Implementation, Management and Supervision (10 hrs.)</i> • Discretionary (30 hrs.) 		
Clinical/ Functional Experience	<p>At least 1 (one) year of experience involving functional behavior assessments of individuals under 21 years of age, including the development and implementation of behavioral supports or treatment plans. No contact/observation requirement.</p>	Supervised Independent Fieldwork	Practicum	Intensive Practicum
	<p>Completion of at least 1,000 hours of in-person experience with individuals with behavioral challenges or autism spectrum disorders. No contact/observation requirement.</p>	1500 hrs.	1000 hrs.	750 hrs.
		<p>Minimum 2 Supervisor*- Trainee contacts per supervisory period**</p> <p>2 observations of trainee with client per Supervisory period**</p>	<p>Minimum 4 Supervisor*- Trainee contacts per supervisory period**</p> <p>4 observations of trainee with client per supervisory period**</p>	<p>Minimum 8 Supervisor*- Trainee contacts per supervisory period**</p> <p>4 observations of trainee with client per supervisory period**</p>
	<p><i>*Individuals providing supervision must pass an 8-hr, competency-based training covering the BACB's Supervisor Training Curriculum Outline and obtain 3 hrs. of continuing education related to supervision during each certification cycle.</i> <i>**Supervisory Period = 1 month</i></p>			
Exam	N/A	Applicants must take and pass the BCBA examination.		
Recertification	Every 2 years	Every 2 years		
Continuing Education	Must submit evidence of "Mandated Reporting" training (Act 31 of 2014)	Must complete at least 32 units of acceptable continuing education , of which at least 4 hours must cover ethics content.		