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### Experience & Supervision Standards Training Module Available

As we announced in the *September 2012* issue of *BACB Newsletter*, one of the outcomes of the Supervision Task Force was the development of an online, competency-based training module on BACB experience standards designed for supervisors and supervisees. We are pleased to announce the availability of this training module. **After December 31, 2014**, supervisors will need to have completed this module (in addition to other requirements) to be eligible to supervise and supervisees will need to have completed this module (in addition to other requirements) to begin their experiential training.

To access the training module, go to the *BACB Gateway* and click on the Training tab. (*Note*: students/trainees who are not yet certified can create a Gateway account *online*). Next, click on the Training Modules link (see below).

Module	Complete?	Completion Date
Experience & Supervision Standards	No	N/A

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After clicking on the Training Modules link, you will be brought to a webpage where you will need to create a new account. This account will be the portal for all future BACB training modules. We recommend using the same email address and password that you use for your BACB.com account. After your new account is created, you will be taken to the BACB Training Modules webpage and you may begin the training (see below).

The screenshot shows the BACB training website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'BACB training', 'Bookmarks', 'Log Out', and 'Welcome John Sample'. Below this is a header with the BACB logo and 'Training Modules'. A green notification box states 'Registration successful. You are now logged in.' Below this is a 'Welcome' section with a message: 'Welcome to the online training site of the Behavior Analyst Certification Board. This sites contains training modules for Boa Behavior Analysts, supervisors, and other relevant parties.' The main content area is divided into two sections: 'Modules to Complete' and 'Completed Modules'. The 'Modules to Complete' section contains a table with the following data:

Title	Status
Experience and Supervision Standards	Enrolled

The 'Completed Modules' section states 'You don't have any completed modules.' At the bottom of the page, there is a copyright notice: 'Copyright © 2014 the Behavior Analyst Certification Board, Inc.® (BACB®), ALL RIGHTS RESERVED. Unauthorized reproduction, copying or transmission in any medium is strictly prohibited. Visit our helpdesk for customer support or to provide feedback.' There is also a 'Select Language' dropdown menu and a 'foxul' logo.

Your results will appear in the BACB Gateway (under the Training tab) within 48 hours of completing the module. This particular training requirement will now have been satisfied. We will communicate in a future *BACB Newsletter* how all of the new supervisor requirements will be documented in the BACB Gateway and how supervisor privileges will be displayed in the Certificant Registry.



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The BACB now offers wallet cards for its certificants through the BACB Gateway. The wallet card includes the certificant's name, mailing address, certification type, certification #, initial certification date, and certification expiration date. In addition, the card includes a bar code embedded with the certification # and a QR code embedded with the name, certification #, and certification expiration date. We anticipate that approved continuing education (ACE) providers will increasingly use scanners to record your attendance at continuing education events. You should take this card with you to these types of events to facilitate more efficient processing of your continuing education units.

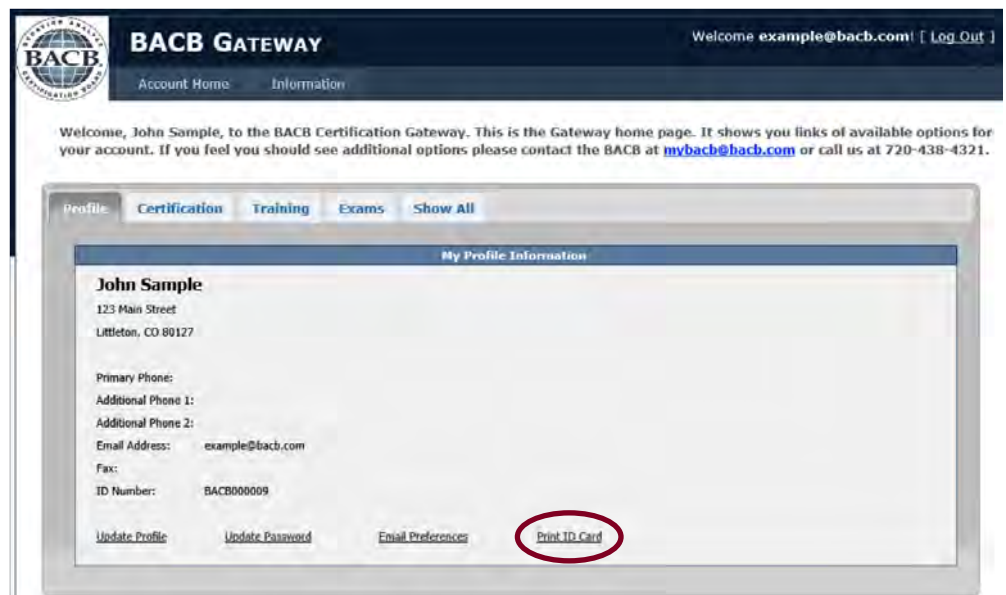


Sample Wallet Card Front



Sample Wallet Card Back

To access your wallet card, go to the [BACB Gateway](#) and click on the Profile tab. Your card is available by clicking on the Print ID Card link located at the bottom of the My Profile Information section (see below).



Please note that the coded information on your wallet card does not change or update after a card has been printed. Thus, if your contact information changes (e.g., you move or change your name), you should update your information online and reprint an updated card before using it.



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### ACS Pass-rate Data Now Online

Per our announcement in the [February 2013](#) issue of *BACB Newsletter*, examination pass-rate data for Approved Course Sequences are now publicly posted at BACB.com. The data can be found on our [Approved University Training](#) webpage. Pass rates and the number of first-time candidates are available for BCBA and BCaBA course sequences with the data sorted both alphabetically by program and numerically by pass rate. The current data pertain only to 2013 examinations, but data from future years will be added when available. Data are not reported for (a) course sequences within their first 4 years of operation or (b) course sequences with fewer than 6 first-time candidates during the year. Candidates are included in a course sequence's pass-rate data if they used only coursework from that sequence to meet the eligibility requirements for certification.

#### Did You Know?

You may send questions about the new Registered Behavior Technician credential to [rbt@bacb.com](mailto:rbt@bacb.com). Frequently Asked Questions about the credential can also be found at [BACB.com](http://BACB.com).

### The 2014 Michael Hemingway Behavior Analysis Award

This award is given in tribute to the late Michael Hemingway, who played a central role in the development of behavior analyst certification in Florida before serving as a founding director of the BACB. Michael's commitment to the profession of behavior analysis and certification are reflected in the behavior of the individual who receives this award.

We are pleased to announce that the 2014 recipient of the Michael Hemingway Behavior Analysis Award is Dr. Mickey Keenan from the University of Ulster in Northern Ireland. Dr. Keenan - the first non-US recipient of this award - has productively served the discipline of behavior analysis in varied ways. As a faculty member, Dr. Keenan's distinguished academic record includes more than 60 publications, the development of a master's degree program



Mickey Keenan, PhD, BCBA-D

in applied behavior analysis (ABA), and the mentorship of 16 doctoral-level graduates. It was his impressive dissemination efforts, however, that served as the focal point of Dr. Keenan's nomination for the Hemingway award. In 1997, Dr. Keenan helped establish the Parents' Education as Autism Therapists organization, which has emerged as one of the leading resources for information about ABA in Northern Ireland. Dr. Keenan also helped develop the Simple Steps online ABA training platform to aid in the dissemination of effective ABA services in multiple countries. Finally, Dr. Keenan has long advocated for the recognition of behavior-analytic services and credentials by the government of Northern Ireland. A parent who was directly impacted by Dr. Keenan's efforts contributed the following telling remark:

"Parents still meet with opposition or lack of opportunities to engage with ABA-based interventions through the statutory services but the level of demand continues to rise, due to knowledge of the sound evidence base; none of this would have been possible without the work undertaken - and still being carried forward - by Mickey Keenan." Congratulations, Dr. Keenan!



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## Notes from the BACB Legal Department

### BCaBA Representations

The BACB legal department often receives inquiries about BCaBAs and how they represent their credentials. A frequent concern is BCaBAs who identify themselves as “behavior analysts” but do not identify their assistant- or bachelors-level certification. It is imperative that consumers and employers be accurately informed of a practitioner’s certification level. Failure to accurately represent BCaBA status or blatant efforts to confuse consumers into believing that certification is at the masters (not bachelors) level would be grounds for sanctions under #3 and #6 of the *Professional Disciplinary and Ethical Standards*. Unless otherwise restricted by state licensure laws or other regulatory authorities, a BCaBA may identify herself/himself as a “behavior analyst” but must ensure that the BCaBA designation is also clearly identified.

### Registered Behavior Technician Trademark/Copyright Use

As previously announced, the BACB will be accepting applications for the Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) credential in a few months. Since we first announced the development of a credential for technicians in the *February 2009* issue of *BACB Newsletter*, the BACB has been working to keep the behavioral community informed about the new credentialing program. Recently, however, we have received inquiries from service programs seeking to align their technician/tutor-level training with the BACB’s RBT standards. Two related questions warrant addressing at this time. The first question is: What if our service program currently refers to our technician-level position with terms other than “RBT” or “Registered Behavior Technician,” such as a behavior tutor or front-line therapist? The second question is: What if our service program does not intend to implement the BACB’s RBT registration process immediately, but wishes to use some of the terms and documents developed and owned by the BACB in the interim? The answer to both questions is the same. The BACB understands that there will need to be a reasonable transition period for service programs to implement the RBT registration requirements (or distinguish their non-RBT trainings and positions) and does not intend to immediately send cease-and-desist notices to these service programs for using RBT-related terminology and documents during this period. In the meantime, we thank you for your questions and look forward to sharing additional implementation guidance in upcoming newsletters.

## Two Additional U.S. States Pass Behavior Analyst Licensure Laws

Alabama and New York recently passed legislation to regulate the practice of behavior analysis at the state level. The Alabama Behavior Analyst Licensing Board within the Division of Developmental Disabilities of the Alabama Department of Mental Health will now oversee *Licensed Behavior Analysts* and *Licensed Assistant Behavior Analysts*. BCBA and BCaBA certification, respectively, should satisfy the primary application requirements for these new credentials. The State Board for Applied Behavior Analysis within the New York State Education Department will now oversee *Licensed Behavior Analysts* and *Certified Behavior Analyst Assistants*. Specific eligibility requirements for these credentials have not yet been developed.

Although these new laws will not be fully implemented until after a rulemaking period, we recommend that certificants in New York and Alabama contact their professional associations for information about pursuing these new state credentials.

[Alabama Association for Behavior Analysis](#)

[New York State Association for Behavior Analysis](#)



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On January 20, 2014 the BACB's Board of Directors, staff, and former Board presidents met at the BACB's new corporate office in Littleton, Colorado USA to dedicate the new conference room to the BACB's founding Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Jerry Shook. We were also honored by the attendance of Jerry's widow, BJ Shook, who cut the ribbon on the conference room during the dedication ceremony. The engine that drives the development and revision of the BACB's standards and its examinations is an ongoing series of workgroups of subject matter experts. We now hold the majority of these workgroup meetings in the Dr. Jerry Shook Boardroom, which seems a fitting way to celebrate and remember Jerry's accomplishments.



Left to Right: Dr. Jane Howard, BJ Shook, Dr. Jim Johnston, Dr. Judy Favell



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## BACB Events at the ABAI Convention

The BACB will be actively involved in this year's annual convention of the Association for Behavior Analysis International in Chicago. Below is a list of our events that may be of interest to BACB certificants. Please stop by the exhibit booth (#220) to say hello during the convention.

### Sunday (May 25)

Event #173

10:00-10:50 am

W185a (McCormick Place Convention Center)

**The Behavior Analyst Certification Board: Update and New Developments**

Jim Carr, Jane Howard, and Neil Martin

Event #279

6:00-6:50 pm

W184b (McCormick Place Convention Center)

**Introduction to BACB Certification**

Christine Ratcliff

Event #313a

9:00-11:00 pm

Ontario (Hyatt Regency McCormick Place)

**BACB Approved Course Sequence Coordinators Reception**

Coordinators for BACB approved course sequences are invited to join us for an informal gathering. Come connect with BACB staff and other coordinators in a relaxed, social atmosphere.

### Reminder

The BACB's Fourth Edition Task List will go into effect with the first examination of 2015. The associated change in coursework requirements will affect exam applicants based on when they apply for certification, regardless of when their training was obtained. Any applicants who are not approved to take a certification exam by **December 31, 2014** will be required to qualify under Fourth Edition Task List requirements.



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The September 2012, February 2013, and May 2013 issues of the *BACB Newsletter* have described a number of impending changes to BACB standards. In an effort to assist certificants in keeping track of these many changes, we have provided the following table that includes the changes, their effective dates, and their original published source. We will publish this table or other reminders in future newsletters until the majority of the changes have been enacted.

Effective Date	Area	Change	Newsletter
January 1, 2015	Supervisor Requirements	Pass an 8-hr, post-certification, competency-based training on supervising pre-certification individuals	<a href="#"><u>September 2012</u></a>
January 1, 2015	Supervisor Requirements	Pass an online, competency-based training module on BACB experience standards at <a href="http://www.BACB.com">www.BACB.com</a>	<a href="#"><u>September 2012</u></a>
January 1, 2015	Supervisee Requirements	Pass an online, competency-based training module on BACB experience standards at <a href="http://www.BACB.com">www.BACB.com</a>	<a href="#"><u>September 2012</u></a>
January 1, 2014	Distribution of Experience	The start-date and end-date of experience may not be more than five years apart	<a href="#"><u>September 2012</u></a>
Recertification cycles that begin on or after January 1, 2015	Continuing Education	Changes to recertification cycle duration, # of required CEUs, ethics CE, and new CE categories	<a href="#"><u>February 2013</u></a>
January 1, 2016	BCBA Degree Requirement	Possession of a minimum of a master's degree from an accredited university that was (a) conferred in behavior analysis, education, or psychology, or (b) conferred in a degree program in which the candidate completed a BACB approved course sequence.	<a href="#"><u>February 2013</u></a>
January 1, 2017	Approved Course Sequence Coordinator Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be employed as full-time faculty by the university</li> <li>• Hold a doctoral degree</li> <li>• Hold BCBA/BCBA-D certification</li> </ul>	<a href="#"><u>May 2013</u></a>

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