



# BCBA/BCaBA Coursework Requirements

## Based on the BCBA/BCaBA Task List (5th ed.)

This document defines the coursework requirements for eligibility to become a Board Certified Behavior Analyst® (BCBA®) or a Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst® (BCaBA®). [Additional eligibility requirements](#), such as acceptable degrees and supervised practical experience, must be obtained in order to qualify to take the BCBA or BCaBA exams. Coursework requirements under the BCBA/BCaBA Task List (4th ed.) are included for reference purposes.

**BCBA:** The applicant must complete graduate-level instruction in the following content areas and for the number of hours specified.

Fifth Edition (implementation: 2022)		Fourth Edition (implementation: 2015)	
BACB Compliance Code and Disciplinary Systems; Professionalism <i>Note: The content must be taught in one or more freestanding courses.</i>	45 hrs	Ethical and Professional Conduct <i>Note: The content must be taught in one or more freestanding courses.</i>	45 hrs
Philosophical Underpinnings; Concepts & Principles <i>Note: 45 hours must be taught as one freestanding course on concepts and principles.</i>	90 hrs	Concepts and Principles of Behavior Analysis	45 hrs
Measurement, Data Display and Interpretation; Experimental Design <i>Note: The content must be taught in one freestanding course.</i>	45 hrs	Measurement (including data analysis)	25 hrs
Behavior Assessment	45 hrs	Experimental Design	20 hrs
Behavior-Change Procedures; Selecting and Implementing Interventions	60 hrs	Identification of the Problem and Assessment	30 hrs
		Fundamental Elements of Behavior Change and Specific Behavior Change Procedures	45 hrs
		Intervention and Behavior Change Considerations	10 hrs
		Behavior Change Systems	10 hrs
Personnel Supervision and Management	30 hrs	Implementation, Management, and Supervision	10 hrs
		Discretionary	30 hrs
<b>Total</b>	<b>315 hrs</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>270 hrs</b>

**BCaBA:** The applicant must complete instruction in the following content areas and for the number of hours specified.

Fifth Edition (implementation: 2022)		Fourth Edition (implementation: 2015)	
BACB Compliance Code and Disciplinary Systems; Professionalism <i>Note: 15 hours must be taught in one or more freestanding courses.</i>	30 hrs	Ethical and Professional Conduct	15 hrs
Philosophical Underpinnings; Concepts & Principles	45 hrs	Concepts and Principles of Behavior Analysis	45 hrs
Measurement, Data Display and Interpretation; Experimental Design	30 hrs	Measurement (including data analysis)	10 hrs
Behavior Assessment	45 hrs	Experimental Design	5 hrs
Behavior-Change Procedures; Selecting and Implementing Interventions	60 hrs	Identification of the Problem and Assessment	30 hrs
		Fundamental Elements of Behavior Change and Specific Behavior Change Procedures	45 hrs
		Intervention and Behavior Change Considerations	5 hrs
		Behavior Change Systems	5 hrs
Personnel Supervision and Management	15 hrs	Implementation, Management, and Supervision	5 hrs
		Discretionary	15 hrs
<b>Total</b>	<b>225 hrs</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>180 hrs</b>