

HABA NEWS



Promoting Applied Behavior Analysis in Hawaii

Hawaiian Association for Behavior Analysis

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HABA's First Year

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During HABA's first official year they had a number of presenters at their quarterly meetings and did a few presentations themselves. Dr. McDougall provided a presentation regarding self-monitoring. Dr. McDougall informed the group of two ABA courses that are currently offered within the Special Education department at the University of Hawaii. Both are at the graduate level. Ms. Laura Cooke and Ms. Emaley McCulloch provided a presentation on the new Pacific Autism Center. The center has an integrated preschool program (ages 3 to 5) to serve individuals with autism and typically developing individuals. It also has a self-contained elementary school to serve individuals with autism. There is a commitment to providing ABA programming within the service delivery model.

HABA presented at the HCA conference last April. A brief overview of ABA was given in addition to providing information on HABA. All current board certified behavior analyst in the state were listed. HABA also recently presented at PAC RIM. This brief presentation gave a quick over view of ABA and again promoted HABA. We look forward to having more guests present at our quarterly meetings over this next year and anticipate additional presentations from HABA to other organizations.

Upcoming Conferences

American Psychological Society
17th Annual Convention
May 26 to 29, 2005
Los Angeles, CA
www.psychologicalscience.org/

Association for Behavior Analysis
31st Annual Convention
May 27 to 31, 2005
Chicago, IL
www.abainternational.org/convention/

Autism Society of America
36th National Conference of Autism
Spectrum Disorders
July 13 to 16, 2005
Nashville, TN

Animal Behavior Society 2005 Annual
Meeting
August 6 to 10, 2005
Snowbird, Salt Lake, UT
www.animalbehavior.org/ABS/

**HABA is an organization for people interested in behavior analysis
and is primarily an interest group**

HABA: Helping the General Public Obtain Board Certification in Behavior Analysis

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As the Department of Education (DOE) in Hawaii and similar entities continue to follow suit to the rigorous standards found on the mainland, the need for board certification in behavior analysis becomes evident. Board certification is provided by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB). Board certification is a national credential for an individual who conducts systematic and descriptive behavioral assessments, designs and implements ethical behavior support interventions based on the assessment, and delivers behavior analytic instruction to others (e.g., teachers, caregivers, parents, etc.). Currently, licensure for applied behavior analysts does not exist. Board certification is the closest credential to licensure and indicates to the general public that the certified individual has passed a comprehensive examination, met specific degree requirements, met training and experience requirements, and had mentored and supervised experience.

The most recent Hawaii DOE Request for Proposal specifies assessors must have a Master's degree, board certification, and at least 3 years of training and supervision conducting functional behavior assessments and plan development. The state of Tennessee's Medicaid Waiver program for adults with developmental disabilities also specifies similar requirements for sole providers. The need for board certification in applied behavior analysis has become the standard as a minimum qualification for qualified providers of behavioral assessment and behavioral support plans.

HABA currently plays an integral role in the dissemination of research, education, and practice of applied behavior analysis. HABA can also help the general public obtain board certification in behavior analysis. Study groups will be held based on the number of interested applicants willing to sit for the examination. These groups will be held weekly and will highlight relevant examination content as described in the BACB exam content task list. Participants will create mock test questions and quiz each other. At least one Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) will be present at each study session. These study sessions are extremely cheap and more cost effective than attending online or traditional training. A second way HABA can help, is to examine interested applicant's educational and experiential history and suggest ways to meet the necessary requirement. If an applicant does not meet criteria for the BCBA, he or she may meet criteria for Board Certified Associate Behavior Analyst (BCABA) that requires a bachelor's degree and experience requirements. A third way HABA can help the general public obtain board certification is to provide workshops, conferences, and similar training in Applied Behavior Analysis. The next conference will be May 14th 2005. Fourthly, HABA can recommend training outside of HABA. For example, there is a five course sequence from National University that prepares individuals for the national certification examination. Numerous online universities also offer coursework in Applied Behavior Analysis approved by the BACB. A fifth and final way HABA can help is offer supervision or mentorship by one of our BCBA's for a nominal fee. All proceeds will go to the operation of HABA.

Learn More about Becoming Certified: <http://www.bacb.com/>

Get Your CEU's!

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Continuing education credits (CEUS) must be earned during the three-year certification cycle for BCBA's and BCABA's. There are six types of instructional modalities that are considered acceptable means of obtaining CEUs:

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**SAVE THE
DATE**

May 14, 2005

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**FIRST ANNUAL
HABA
CONFERENCE**

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**LOCATION
AND SYLLABUS
COMING TO
YOU SOON!**

Type 1:

Completion of graduate level college or university courses, for BCBAs, or undergraduate or graduate, college or university courses, for BCABAs.

Required documentation for Type 1: Course syllabus and transcript

Type 2:

Completion of events sponsored by providers approved by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board.

Required documentation for Type 2: Certificate from an Approved Continuing Education (ACE) provider.

Type 3:

Completion of a seminar, colloquium, presentation, conference event, workshop or symposium not approved by the BACB, only if they relate directly to the practice of behavior analysis.

Required documentation for Type 3: CE obtained before 12/31/05:

Attestation signed and dated by the certificant. CE obtained after 12/31/05:

Document (certificate, brochure, program book, other) signed and dated by the provider

Type 4:

Instruction by the applicant of a category 1 or 2 continuing education events, on a one-time basis for each event, provided that the applicant was present for the complete event

Required documentation for Type 4: CE obtained before 12/31/05: Any verifiable documentation – including course syllabus, program agenda, letter from university or an Approved Continuing Education coordinator, other. CE obtained after 12/31/05 – A letter from the department chair on letterhead from the university at which a course was taught or a letter from the Approved Continuing Education Coordinator.

Type 5:

Credentialing events or activities initiated and pre-approved for CEU by the BACB.

Required documentation for Type 5: Letter or certificate from the BACB

Type 6:

Passing, during the third year of the applicant's certification period, the BACB certification examination appropriate to the type of certification being renewed. BCBAs may only take the BCBA examination; BCABAs may only take the BCABA examination for continuing education credit. Passage of the appropriate examination shall satisfy the recertification continuing education requirement for any three-year certification period. (Certificants do not have to re-qualify under current standards, they should apply for examination under the "retake" option and pay that fee)

CEU are hard to find in Hawai'i so we all must plan a head!