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Behavior analysts have ethical and historical obligations to stay in contact with the scholarly literature. However, access to the literature and searchable databases is often limited outside of educational institutions, making it difficult to fulfill these obligations. Thus, the BACB is pleased to announce that it has secured for its certificants scholarly journal and database resources from *ProQuest*. Effective immediately, most BACB certificants will be able to access the following two resources through the *BACB Gateway*:

ERIC searchable research database: "This database is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education to provide extensive access to education-related literature. ERIC provides coverage of journal articles, conferences, meetings, government documents, theses, dissertations, reports, audiovisual media, bibliographies, directories, books and monographs." -Proquest

ProQuest Education Journals package: "ProQuest Education Journals gives users access to over 900 top educational publications, including more than 600 of the titles in full text. The coverage spans the literature on primary, secondary and higher education as well as special education, home schooling and adult education. Many titles are indexed in the ERIC database." -Proquest

The ERIC database will allow certificants to search for published literature in education, behavior analysis, psychology, and related areas. The ERIC database is not fully comprehensive but, along with other freely available searchable resources such as <u>PubMed Central</u> and <u>Google Scholar</u>, it should give certificants the ability to search a large portion of the published scholarly literature.

The ProQuest Education Journals package contains the full text of articles published in a number of journals relevant to behavior analysis, in addition to hundreds of other journals. Although not every behaviorally relevant journal is included in the package, a number of important titles are, including: *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis* (except for the 4 most recent issues), *Journal of the Experimental Analysis of Behavior* (except for the 3 most recent issues), *Education and Treatment of Children*, and *Journal of Behavioral Education* (except for the 4 most recent issues). The full list of journals included in the package is available <u>here</u>.

What is the Cost of the ProQuest Benefit?

The ProQuest benefit is freely available.

Who May Access the ProQuest Benefit?

Any BACB certificant (BCBA-D, BCBA, BCaBA) who is not employed in a university or hospital setting may access the benefit. Certificants employed in these settings are excluded from the

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benefit at the request of certain academic publishers on the assumption that the certificants already have access to the scholarly literature through their workplaces.

How Do I Access the ProQuest Benefit?

To access ProQuest resources, go to the <u>BACB Gateway</u> and click on the Resources tab. Next, click on the ProQuest Benefit link. Be aware that by clicking on the link you are attesting that you are not employed in a hospital or university setting. After clicking on the ProQuest Benefit link you will be brought to the following webpage where you can access the ERIC and ProQuest Education Journals resources.



Conclusion

The BACB will be monitoring the number of certificants who use the ProQuest Benefit, as well as the number of times each certificant uses it. These data, along with informal feedback received, will be used in 2015 to determine whether to continue and/or modify the benefit for future years. In the meantime, we hope you will find these resources helpful in staying in contact with the scholarly literature.