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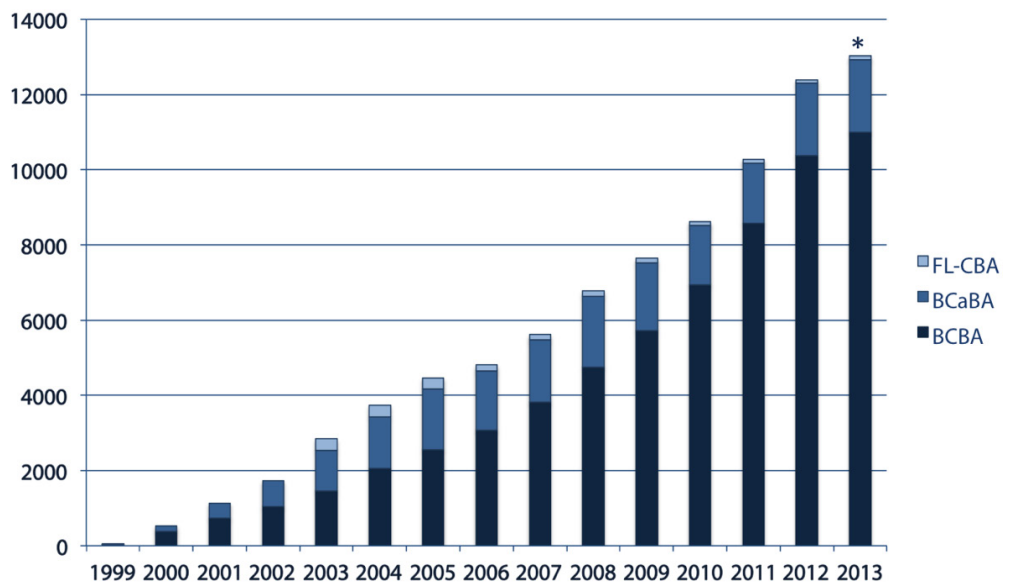
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BACB Certificants now Exceed 13,000 Worldwide!

After processing the results of our January 2013 examinations, the BACB is pleased to announce that there are now over 13,000 certificants worldwide: 10,998 BCBA's; 1,930 BCaBA's; and 98 remaining FL-CBA's (Total: 13,026). As can be seen in the cumulative graph below, we have experienced increases of approximately 20% over the last couple of years. This is an exciting development for the BACB, the field of behavior analysis, and the individuals whom we collectively serve.

Cumulative Growth of BACB Certificants



* 2013 data incomplete.



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Board of Directors Election Update

We are pleased to announce the results of our spring Board of Directors election. Suzanne Letso, MA, BCBA (our master's-level representative) and Neil Martin, PhD, BCBA-D (our international representative) each were elected to serve additional three-year terms and Bridget Taylor, PsyD, BCBA-D will begin serving a three-year term in August as a new director. We extend our congratulations to the newly elected directors and offer our thanks to all of the exceptional candidates for running. We also wish to thank all of the certificants who nominated candidates and who voted in this important election.

We wish to sincerely thank Hank Roane, PhD, BCBA-D for his six years of service to the Board of Directors. Hank's final term will come to a close in August of this year and he will truly be missed. Hank made a number of important contributions to the Board over the years and always contributed a sense of rigor, scholarship, and humor to Board discussions. Thank you, Hank!

The 2013 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 courage and commitment to the profession of behavior analysis and certification are reflected in the behavior of the individual who receives this award.

We are proud to announce that the 2013 recipient of the Michael Hemingway Behavior Analysis Award is Rep. John Scibak, PhD, member of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Rep. Scibak, who represents the Second Hampshire District in Massachusetts, has a unique history in that he was trained in behavior analysis and worked in behavioral service-delivery systems prior to his career in politics. Rep. Scibak was nominated for the Hemingway Award for his leadership in helping pass behavior analyst licensure legislation in Massachusetts (H4555, signed into law in January 2013). Rep. Scibak was the sponsor of several such bills and worked diligently for more than 6 years, often under challenging circumstances, to make behavior analyst licensure legislation a reality. A behavior analyst who nominated Rep. Scibak contributed the following telling remark: "We are very fortunate to have Rep. Scibak here in Massachusetts, not just as behavior analysts but also as citizens." Congratulations, Rep. Scibak!



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BACB Examinations to be Offered More Frequently

Beginning in 2014, the BCBA and BCaBA examinations will be offered four times per year, an increase above the current three-window schedule. Starting next year, Pearson VUE will make our examinations available in February, May, August, and November. We plan on eventually offering six examination windows per year and then on-demand testing, as soon as our item bank is of sufficient depth to permit these expansions. We anticipate that the time frames for application deadlines will remain comparable to the current schedule, [found here](#).

Increased Requirements for Coordinators of Approved Course Sequences

We wish to communicate the final increase in BACB standards resulting from the Standards Workgroup process described in our [February 2013 BACB Newsletter](#). This change concerns faculty members who serve as university contacts for BACB approved course sequences. Beginning in **January 1, 2017**, all BACB university contacts must meet the following requirements:

- Be employed full-time by the university
- Hold a doctoral degree
- Hold BCBA/BCBA-D certification

This change does not apply to all faculty members in a course sequence, nor does it necessarily apply to the program's director or chair. The change applies only to the person designated in the course sequence to serve as the official liaison to the BACB (i.e., the person responsible for ensuring that the approved course sequence and approved university experience remain in compliance with BACB standards). We anticipate that this change will help to ensure compliance and foster better communication between the BACB, approved course sequences, and students.

Professional Behavior Analysis Associations Matter!

As a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, there are restrictions on the services the BACB may provide to the field of behavior analysis. We, like you, rely on the professional associations in behavior analysis - state, regional, and national - to fill-in the gaps by offering professional opportunities, continuing education experiences, scientific journals, accreditation standards, and so much more.

Of all the many resources provided by professional associations, one of the most essential and underappreciated resources is collegial guidance. In this day and age, it is increasingly easy to practice in a box, so to speak. The online availability of resources for professionals is skyrocketing, and this is largely a positive development. Online resources, however, should augment, not replace, the valuable experience of attending a professional association conference. It is often the personal contact with fellow colleagues, in addition to the presentations, that will help practitioners identify their own strengths and areas where they may wish to concentrate continuing professional development. Thus, it is expected that BACB certificants join their relevant behavior analysis professional associations, attend their conferences, and benefit from the resulting professional experiences.



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BACB Events at the ABAI Convention

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

Saturday (May 26)

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8:00 AM - 8:50 AM

M100 A (Convention Center)

Introduction to Behavior Analyst Certification Board Certification

Speaker: Christine Ratcliff

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10:30 AM - 11:50 AM

200 A-B (Convention Center)

The Behavior Analyst Certification Board: Update and New Developments

Speakers: Jim Carr, Jane Howard, Neil Martin, and Christine Ratcliff

Sunday (May 27)

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10:00 AM - 10:50 AM

Main Auditorium (Convention Center)

Establishing Standards of Practice in ABA Treatment of Autism

Speakers: Jim Carr, Robert Ross, and Mary Jane Weiss



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A Reminder and Caution about Type 6 Continuing Education

The BACB has long made available to certificants the option to take and pass their appropriate certification examination again (Type 6 CE) in order to fulfill the continuing education requirement for a recertification cycle. This option only exists during the final year of the recertification cycle. Relatively few certificants avail themselves of this option, but we recognize that some find it a convenient manner in which to satisfy the continuing education requirement. Indeed, from the perspective of the credentialing industry, passing a certification examination is one of the best indices of competence. However, we want to call your attention to the fact that should a certificant fail the examination, her certification would be immediately suspended until she passes the certification examination again. Once a certificant fails to pass the examination for continuing education, she may not elect another option to fulfill this requirement. The only way to lift the suspension is to pass the examination. Thus, if you consider taking your appropriate certification examination instead of obtaining other forms of approved continuing education, please be forewarned of the risk of this approach and the serious consequences of failing the examination.

A Summary of Upcoming Changes to BACB Standards

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
September 30, 2013	Experience Supervision Contracts	Expanded content must be included	<u>September 2012</u>
January 1, 2014	Approved Experience Activities	No more than 50% of the accrued experience hours can be in the direct implementation of behavioral programs	<u>September 2012</u>
March 1, 2014	BCBA-D Requirements	<p>A. Is actively certified as a BCBA; AND</p> <p>B. Has earned a doctoral degree from a graduate program accredited by the Association for Behavior Analysis International; OR</p> <p>C. Has earned a doctoral degree from an accredited university in which he or she conducted a behavior-analytic dissertation (including at least 1 experiment); AND passed at least 2 behavior analysis courses as part of the doctoral program of study; AND met all BCBA coursework requirements prior to receiving the doctoral degree</p>	<u>February 2013</u>



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Effective Date	Area	Change	Newsletter
January 1, 2015	Supervisor Requirements	Pass an 8-hr, post-certification, competency-based training on supervising pre-certification individuals	<u>September 2012</u>
January 1, 2015	Supervisor Requirements	Pass an online, competency-based training module on BACB experience standards at www.BACB.com	<u>September 2012</u>
January 1, 2015	Supervisee Requirements	Pass an online, competency-based training module on BACB experience standards at www.BACB.com	<u>September 2012</u>
January 1, 2014	Distribution of Experience	The start-date and end-date of experience may not be more than five years apart	<u>September 2012</u>
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	<u>February 2013</u>
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.	<u>February 2013</u>
January 1, 2017	Approved Course Sequence Coordinator Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be employed full-time by the university • Hold a doctoral degree • Hold BCBA/BCBA-D certification 	May 2015

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