



RBT Professional Development for ACE Providers

Overview

RBTs are required to complete 12 hours of professional development units (PDUs) during their two-year recertification cycle. One way RBTs may obtain PDUs is through professional development (PD) events offered by ACE Providers. This document describes the requirements for ACE Providers offering PD events. Please see the [ACE Provider Handbook: Effective July 1, 2026](#) for more information.



RBTs may start earning PDUs after they certify or recertify in 2026.

RBT Professional Development Content Requirements

The content of RBT PD events should cover or expand upon material included in the [RBT 2026 40-Hour Training Requirements and Curriculum Outline](#), the [RBT Ethics Code \(2.0\)](#), other BACB requirements, or additional content that is appropriate for the RBTs (e.g., working with supervisors, communicating with clients, managing stress).

Please see the [ACE Provider Handbook: Effective July 1, 2026](#) for examples and nonexamples of appropriate PD content.

Note: RBT PD content is designed for RBTs only; BCBAAs and BCaBAs cannot earn Learning or Teaching CEUs from RBT PD events. Additionally, RBTs cannot earn PDUs by attending continuing education (CE) events for BCBAAs and BCaBAs.

RBT Professional Development Event Requirements

Instructor requirements

PD Instructors must hold an active BCaBA, BCBA, or BCBA-D certification.

Co-presenters may present a portion of a PD event under the direct oversight of a qualified PD Instructor who is present at the event.

Learning objectives

Learning objectives are required for each PD presentation.

Event duration

Each event must include at least 25 minutes of instruction, for which 0.5 PDUs are awarded. Additional PDUs should be awarded in increments of 0.5 (25 minutes of instruction) or 1 (50 minutes of instruction). Rounding up is not permitted when issuing PDUs.

Event format

The event format may vary as long as all of the requirements outlined in the [ACE Provider Handbook: Effective July 1, 2026](#) are met and the format is appropriate for the event content. Both live and online (synchronous and asynchronous) events are permitted. ACE Coordinators are responsible for ensuring that participants are present for the entire event and for maintaining documentation of participants' attendance.

Other requirements

Monitoring participation, event fees, marketing materials, event feedback, and the complaint process must all adhere to the requirements in the [ACE Provider Handbook: Effective July 1, 2026](#).

PD Event Documentation

- Professional Development ACE events must be documented using [this fillable form](#).
 - ACE Coordinators may not create alternate forms of PDU documentation.
 - PDU documentation must be completed by the ACE Coordinator and provided to participants within 45 days of the event.
- ACE Providers are responsible for maintaining relevant documentation for the event (e.g., attendance records, learning objectives, etc.).
 - Documentation must be retained by the ACE Provider for three years.