



Ohio Board of Psychology

Certified Ohio Behavior Analyst (COBA) Demonstrating Equivalence to Holding the BCBA April 8, 2015

ORC 4783.04 and OAC 4783-4

For COBA applicants without a BCBA certificate or state licensure or certification in behavior analysis, specific legal requirements must be met in order to successfully demonstrate "equivalence" to holding the BCBA pursuant to OAC 4783-4-01 (B)(1)(a). The applicant bears responsibility for demonstrating that all of the following requirements have been satisfied:

- (1) Evidence on a grade transcript bearing official seal of an earned master's or doctoral degree conferred in behavior analysis or other natural science, education, psychology, counseling, social work, human services, or a field related to behavior analysis as judged by the board, from:
 - A nationally or regionally accredited university in the United States;
 - A Canadian institution of higher education that is a member of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada or the Association of Canadian Community Colleges; or
 - An institution of higher education located outside the United States or Canada that, at the time the applicant was enrolled and at the time the applicant graduated, maintained a standard of training equivalent to the standards of training of those institutions accredited in the United States. In addition, the academic transcript underlying the relevant degree shall be translated into English (as applicable) and shall be evaluated by a member organization of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Service (NACES). The degree shall be judged by a NACES member organization to be equivalent to a minimum of a master's degree in behavior analysis or other natural science, education, psychology, counseling, social work, human services, or a field related to behavior analysis as judged by the board from a regionally accredited academic institution in the U.S. Candidates can find information about seeking professional credential reviews at www.naces.org and at the board's website www.psychology.ohio.gov. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated with said credential review and any required translation deemed necessary by the board to conduct a review of the degree.
- (2) The coursework shall include a minimum of 270 classroom hours as follows, either on the master's degree or doctoral degree transcript, or on academic

transcripts reflecting coursework completed subsequent to the award of the degree:

- Forty-five hours in ethical and professional conduct taught in one or more freestanding courses devoted to ethical and professional conduct based on the behavior analyst certification board's professional disciplinary and ethical standards and guidelines for responsible conduct for behavior analysts;
 - Forty-five hours in concepts and principles of behavior analysis, based on the behavior analyst certification board's foundational knowledge list;
 - Research methods in behavior analysis based on the behavior analyst certification board's fourth edition task list, including twenty-five hours in measurement (including data analysis) and twenty hours in experimental design;
 - Applied behavior analysis based on the behavior analyst certification board's fourth edition task list, including: forty-five hours in fundamental elements of behavior change and specific behavior change procedures; thirty hours in identification of the problem and assessment; ten hours in intervention and behavior change considerations; ten hours in behavior change systems; ten hours in implementation management and Supervision; and, thirty discretionary hours related to applied behavior analysis.
- (3) Evidence of a passing score on a psychometrically valid written examination in the subject area of applied behavior analysis administered by a nationally accredited credentialing organization, recognition of which shall be made by the board on a case-by-case basis.
- (4) Completion of a minimum of fifteen hundred hours of relevant supervised experience in applied behavior analysis satisfactory to the board.

The applicant bears responsibility for demonstrating that each of these requirements has been satisfied by providing the Board office with sufficient detailed information. It is likely that any applicant meeting these requirements will also meet the requirements for the BCBA and will submit an application to the Board based on BCBA certification. Please address questions to ronald.ross@psy.ohio.gov

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