

Interdisciplinary Applied Behavior Analysis—BCBA Certificate Program

There is a growing demand among professionals working in the human services arena, especially among those working with developmentally disabled children and adults, to become Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBA). This four-course, Board-approved sequence provides the academic requirements of the Behavior Analysis Certification Board for the BCBA. It is designed for professionals with baccalaureate or graduate degrees who work in school, hospital, home and community-care-home settings. It is also open to people in Masters Programs who desire to supplement their current coursework with applied behavior analysis (ABA) and to other individuals desiring to supplement their knowledge of behavior analysis. The program has a prerequisite of some undergraduate-level behavior analysis skill (see FAQs and Timeline for more information regarding how to meet this requirement). All courses are taught in the evenings by BCBAs. In addition to course work, instructors will provide specific information on the certification process, experience requirements and international testing. (this information is repeated on the psychology Department website under the ABA Graduate Program:

http://bit.ly/IABA_Sum11

Required courses:

Fall 2011

PSYCH 270T: Interdisciplinary Applied Behavior Analysis, 4 units
MW, **August 22-October 17**; 5:30 to 9:30 in Science 2, Room 314;
Time: 5:30-9:30 pm
Instructor: Marianne Jackson, PhD., BCBA-D.
Fee: \$1,200

PSYCH 270T Interdisciplinary Functional Assessment and Intervention, 4 units
MW, **October 19-December 14**;
5:30-9:30 in Science 2, Room 314;
Time: 5:30-9:30 pm
Instructor: Hayley Heitzig, MA, BCBA.
Fee: \$1,200

Spring 2012

PSYCH 240T Interdisciplinary Research Methods in Behavior Analysis, 4 units
MW **January 18-March 14**;
Time: 5:30-9:30 pm; Room to be announced
Instructor: Jason Marshall, MA, BCBA
Fee: \$1,200

PSYCH 270T Interdisciplinary ABA Ethics and Systems Support, 3 units
MW **March 19-May 16**;
Time: 5:30-8:30; Room to be announced
Instructor: Criss Wilhite, MA, BCBA.
Fee: \$900

Interdisciplinary Applied Behavior Analysis FAQs

What is the IABA program all about? The program is designed for those who wish to become certified behavior analysts. If you already have, or are earning, a Master's degree, the four-course sequence will meet the academic requirements for testing for certification. Certification is provided through the Behavior Analysis Certification Board (BACB). Beginning January 2011, the applicant for certification must have the appropriate degree "from an accredited university, that was conferred in behavior analysis or other natural science, education, human services, engineering, medicine or a field related to behavior analysis and approved by the BACB" (bacb.com). These courses, your Master's degree and supervision hours must be complete before you can test for the BCBA. If you are interested in doing behavior analytic work with a Bachelor's degree, this program prepares you academically for the BCaBA with the first, second and fourth classes only. BCBA's and BCaBA's work in many settings: homes, schools, institutions, businesses, health-care facilities and zoos. They apply the scientifically derived principles of behavior to socially significant behavior. The people served include the general population, adults and children with disabilities, typically developing children in schools, adults and children who need to learn and stay on health maintenance programs, employees and employers to maintain high quality work in safe and enriching environments. Some BCBA's and BCaBA's work with non-humans in animal care facilities, zoos, or in home settings.

What about registration and payment? There are several ways to register and several ways to pay. Remember, **you must do both to be fully enrolled in a course.** Registration and payment deadlines are one week prior to the first day of the class. **For full details, see the next page.**

Need help? Contact Martha Rodriguez at (559) 278-7755. For general information on the program and The Division of Continuing and Global Education, please go to: <http://www.csufresno.edu/cge> Information on this program is listed under "Certificate Programs."

Are there prerequisites? Starting in the Fall of 2011, students must have had the undergraduate ABA course at Fresno State and passed with a B or better. Alternatively, students may take a comprehensive exam of the undergraduate-level ABA material and pass at the 80% level. The exam will be based on the undergraduate ABA text by Ray Miltenberger: *Behavior Modification: Principles and Procedures*. The test will be administered in July through the Division of Continuing and Global Education and will cost \$50.00. If you have taken ABA at another university, submit your transcript and the course syllabus to Criss Wilhite for a decision on the course's appropriateness. If we have a large enough sign-up, we will offer a one-unit course in early August that will fulfill this requirement. See the IABA Timeline for registration dates, test dates and class dates.

Do I have to take the courses in sequence? We recommend this, but there are exceptions. If the student took our graduate ABA as part of her school psych degree in the previous 3 years, she may opt to start with the second class. People seeking the BCaBA certification do not have to take the Research Methods course.

Does the program provide supervision? No. The program is approved by the Behavior Analysis Certification Board for the academic requirements for the BCBA and the BCaBA. We hope most people have supervision through their jobs. If not, we will attempt to find people to supervise them, but cannot guarantee it. Fresno, Clovis, Madera, and Sanger Unified; Tulare County Office of Education and the Fresno County Office of Education now have BCBA's on

staff. There are others scattered around. Most private, local providers of ABA services have a BCBA on site to supervise.

How much supervision will I need? 1500 hours for the BCBA students, 1000 for the BCaBA students. You have to work 20-30 hours per week and 10% of that time must be supervised. Half the hours can be in groups of up to 5, half must be one-on-one. Half must be direct observation of the supervisee working. Hours that are not ABA work do not count. So a school psych who is doing testing cannot count those hours. Nor can a program director who is doing bookwork.

***For more information on the certification process, please see the Behavior Analysis Certification Board: bacb.com**

***For more information on behavior analysis, see the Cambridge Center for Behavioral Studies: behavior.org**

***For the flagship organization for behavior analysis, see Association for Behavior Analysis International: abainternational.org**

***For information about B. F. Skinner, the founder of the field of behavior analysis, see: The B. F. Skinner Foundation: bfskinner.org**

REGISTRATION: Below are several ways to register and pay for the class. The Division of Continuing and Global Education is at the east end of the Kremen Ed building, Room 130, on the northwest corner of Shaw and Maple. The Joyal Administration Building is a quarter mile north of Shaw on the east side of Maple. You can download forms for registration at <http://www.csufresno.edu/cge/forms/index.shtml>.

Register ONLINE

Go to my.csufresno.edu > My Menu, SELECT "Continuing & Global Ed Courses".

NEW STUDENT – If you DO NOT have a Fresno State ID number, click the "New Student" button and follow the instructions on the subsequent pages.

RETURNING STUDENT – If you know your Fresno State Username and Password, click the "Returning Students" button and follow the instructions on the next page.

Cannot remember your Username or Password, contact the student Help Desk at <http://password.csufresno.edu> or call 559.278.7000 for assistance with reactivating your account.

Have a Fresno State ID but DO NOT have a Fresno State email account, go to <http://email.csufresno.edu> to create your free Fresno State email account.

Register IN PERSON

Download registration form from www.csufresno.edu/cge/forms or pick up registration form from the Division of Continuing and Global Education, located in the Education Building, Room 130.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Make sure your payment is receipted to Continuing and Global Ed.

- **Cash** payments are accepted at the Cashier's Window, Joyal building, between 8 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

- **Checks** or money orders must be made payable to "Fresno State". Write your Fresno State ID on your check or money order. Make your payment at the Cashier's Window, Joyal building, between 8 am and 4:30 pm, **Monday** through **Friday**.

- **Credit card payments:**

1. **ONLINE** - go to <https://my.csufresno.edu>. Select Student Self Service > Student Center > Account Inquiry. **CREDIT CARDS** - American Express, MasterCard, Discover, or Diners Club cards **ONLY**. Please note that a service fee of 2.9% is charged when you pay online with a credit card. **ELECTRONIC CHECK** - pay online with **NO** service fee.

2. **IN PERSON** - go to the Cashier's Windows, Joyal Building, between 8 am and 4:30 pm, **Monday** through **Friday**. You may pay using MasterCard **Timeline for IABA Program 2011- 2012:**

To ensure students succeed in the 2011-2012 IABA Program, a prerequisite has been instated. This can be met in three ways: By submitting evidence of an undergraduate ABA class, passed with a minimum of a B; by testing out;

or by taking a one-unit, non-credit ABA course provided through the Fresno State's Division of Continuing and Global Education.

Interdisciplinary Applied Behavior Analysis Timeline 2011-2012

June 1: Begin submitting evidence of an ABA undergraduate course to Criss Wilhite (crissw@csufresno.edu)

July 1: (Friday) Last day to submit evidence of an ABA undergraduate course to Criss Wilhite (crissw@csufresno.edu) to guarantee course will be reviewed in time for meeting requirements. Requires unofficial transcripts (and syllabus if course was not from Fresno State; if syllabus is not available, schedule a meeting with Criss Wilhite prior to July 1).

July 5th: Last day to register for July 12th test. Register through Continuing and Global Education at a cost of \$50.00.

July 12: (Tuesday; 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in Science 2, Room 314.) First day to test for ABA undergraduate content. Test is in Science 2, Room 314. This test may be repeated on either of the two remaining dates at an additional cost of \$50.00. Email notification of score will be sent by midnight.

July 13: Last day to register for July 20th test. Register through Continuing and Global Education at a cost of \$50.00.

July 20: (Wednesday; 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in Science 2, Room 314.) Second day to test for ABA undergraduate content. This test may be repeated on July 28th at an additional cost of \$50.00. Email notification of score will be sent by midnight.

July 21: Last day to register for July 28th test. Register through Continuing and Global Education at a cost of \$50.00.

July 28: (Thursday; 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in Science 2, Room 314.) Last day to test for ABA undergraduate content. Email notification of score will be sent by midnight.

July 29: Last date to register for one-unit ABA prep course in lieu of prior course or testing out.

August 5: Begin online portion of IABA one-unit prep course.

August 12 -13: Onsite portion of IABA one-unit prep course. Taught by J. P. Moschella, MA. Friday 5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Science 2, Room 314.

August 14: All online work for the one-unit prep course is due by noon Pacific Time. Students will be informed by email of their grade and eligibility to register for the IABA ABA course by midnight.

August 15: Registration and payment due for Interdisciplinary ABA. Late registration or payments may result in additional fees, late entry to Blackboard and late acquisition of syllabus and texts.

August 22: Interdisciplinary ABA begins, 5:30 to 9:30 in Science 2, Room 314; Instructor, Marianne Jackson, PhD., BCBA-D.

October 12: Registration and payment due for Interdisciplinary FA. Late registration or payments may result in additional fees, late entry to Blackboard and late acquisition of syllabus and texts.

October 17: Interdisciplinary ABA ends.

October 19: Interdisciplinary FA begins, 5:30-9:30 in Science 2, Room 314; Instructor, Hayley Heitzig, MA, BCBA.

December 14: Interdisciplinary FA ends.

January 11: Registration and payment due for Interdisciplinary Research Methods. Late registration or payments may result in additional fees, late entry to Blackboard and late acquisition of syllabus and texts.

January 18: Interdisciplinary Research Methods begins, 5:30-9:30; Instructor: Jason Marshall, MA, BCBA.

March 12: Registration and payment due for Interdisciplinary Ethics and Community Intervention. Late registration or payments may result in additional fees, late entry to Blackboard and late acquisition of syllabus and texts.

March 14: Interdisciplinary Research Methods ends.A

March 19: Interdisciplinary Ethics and Community Intervention begins, 5:30-8:30; Instructor Criss Wilhite, MA, BCBA.

May 16: Interdisciplinary Ethics and Community Intervention ends.