



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 4783-4-01 Requirements for certification as a certified Ohio behavior analyst.

Effective: December 31, 2023

The requirements for certification as a certified Ohio behavior analyst, which are generally set forth under division (A) of section 4783.04 of the Revised Code include that the applicant shall conduct one's professional activities in accordance with accepted professional and ethical standards. In addition, the applicant shall demonstrate current certification as a board certified behavior analyst by the "Behavior Analyst Certification Board" or its successor organization, or shall meet the reciprocity requirements set forth in paragraphs (A) and (B) of rule 4783-4-02 of the Administrative Code, or demonstrate completion of equivalent requirements and passage of a psychometrically valid examination administered by a nationally accredited credentialing organization. With regard to such requirements, the board hereby further prescribes that:

(A) The applicant shall evidence compliance with division (A) of section 4783.04 of the Revised Code, by demonstrating that the following requirements have been met:

(1) Written verification is received from the "Behavior Analyst Certification Board" or its successor organization that the person holds a current, valid certificate as a board certified behavior analyst or approval by the board that the applicant has demonstrated completion of equivalent requirements and passage of a psychometrically valid examination administered by a nationally accredited credentialing organization.

(a) In order for an applicant to demonstrate completion of requirements equivalent to holding a board certified behavior analyst certificate the individual shall comply with the following indicia of equivalence:

(i) 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) A nationally or regionally accredited university in the United States;



(B) 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

(C) 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.

(D) The coursework shall include a minimum of two hundred seventy 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:

(i) 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;

(ii) Forty-five hours in concepts and principles of behavior analysis, based on the behavior analyst certification board's foundational knowledge list;

(iii) 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;



(iv) 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.

(ii) 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.

(iii) Completion of a minimum of fifteen hundred hours of relevant supervised experience in applied behavior analysis satisfactory to the board.

(2) Not less than three letters of reference from individuals substantially familiar with the applicant's professional conduct, competencies, and personal character as required in paragraph (B)(5) of rule 4783-1-01 of the Administrative Code.

(3) Compliance with board processes designed to expose the applicant to and measure understanding of the laws and rules governing the practice of applied behavior analysis in Ohio as evidenced by:

(a) Receipt in the board office of a signed statement that the applicant has received and studied Chapter 4783. of the Revised Code, agency 4783 of the Administrative Code, and copies of any state and/or federal laws governing the practice and legal responsibilities of certified Ohio behavior analysts;

(b) Attendance at a jurisprudence workshop of no longer than four hours prepared and presented by the board;

(c) Earning a passing score on a post-workshop written examination covering the material presented in the workshop. Information about the workshop and passing score cut-offs shall be available on the board's website.