

Three Small Proposed Changes

Supervision Sections:

Supervision of licensed assistant behavior analysts and autism behavior interventionists. (NRS 437.130)

1. A licensed assistant behavior analyst must be supervised by a psychologist or a licensed behavior analyst during at least 5 percent of the hours he or she works each month.

2. A psychologist, a licensed behavior analyst or a licensed assistant behavior analyst who supervises an autism behavior interventionist must supervise the autism behavior interventionist during at least 10 percent of the hours the autism behavior interventionist works each month.

3. The supervision required by subsections 1 and 2 must include, without limitation:

(a) At least 1 hour each month of one-on-one supervision; and

(b) At least 4 hours each month of additional direct supervision, which may include, without limitation:

(1) Videoconferencing, except that this must not constitute more than one-half of the time supervised each month; and

(2) Group meetings of not more than 10 persons, including each licensed assistant behavior analyst or autism behavior interventionist who is being supervised by the supervisor.

Proposed Change: Anchor supervision requirements to those states by BACB, which are informed by the latest research, standards of practice, and subject matter experts.

Option A: Delete subsections the entire section.

Option B: Reframe section to match current BACB standards.

Standards for Supervision for BCABA/LABA:

https://www.bacb.com/wp-content/uploads/Standards-for-Supervision-of-BCaBAs_180924.pdf

Standards of Supervision for RBTs:

<https://www.bacb.com/wp-content/uploads/RBT-Supervision-and-Supervisor-Requirements-181228.pdf>

Rationale: Current BACB standards dictate supervision requirements, and our law would make these standards duplicative. Additionally, BACB may change supervision requirements as new research and standards of practice information are available. Codifying a supervision standard is currently unnecessary as the credentials require said supervision. Please note that while Psychologists are written in the law to supervise, they would have to obtain permission and documentation of training standards from BACB before supervising RBTs. Some of the current

standards may exceed BACB requirements and require additional costs and time commitments from agencies employing BCaBA/LABA-level staff members.

Continuing Education Section:

(NRS 437.225)

1. To renew his or her license, a licensed behavior analyst or licensed assistant behavior analyst must certify to the Board that during the 2 years immediately preceding the date he or she submits an application for renewal, the applicant has completed 30 hours of continuing education that is approved by the Division. At least 6 hours must include instruction in scientific and professional ethics and standards, and common areas of professional misconduct. At least 2 hours must include instruction in evidence-based suicide prevention and awareness. Not more than 15 hours may be obtained from an approved distance education course.

Proposed change: Align CE's with BACB standards where possible.

Option A: Rather than state a certain number, which may change for BACB based on new information, research, or increased standards for the accrediting bodies that audit the credential, tie the CE requirement to whatever the current requirement that would be in operation over a two-year cycle for BACB.

Option B: Indicate the current number or requirements in place for BACB.

Note: Suicide Prevention CE's will need to continue per other legal requirements.

BCBA Continuing Education Requirements

2-Year Cycle: 32 CEUs every 2 years (4 CEUs in ethics for all certificants; 3 CEUs in supervision for supervisors)

BCaBA Continuing Education Requirements

2-Year Cycle: 20 CEUs every 2 years (4 CEUs in ethics for all certificants; 3 CEUs in supervision for supervisors)

<https://www.bacb.com/maintain/continuing-education/>

Rationale for change: CE requirements are important for the profession in maintaining the most up to date information regarding the professions research and practice. Confusion can result for the profession when CE differences occur for two different organizations and may inadvertently threaten practice unnecessarily at renewal. The better aligned the requirements can be between the BABA and BACB, the reduced risk of a compliance error occurring. Additionally, we may see the codifying CE requirements makes it more difficult to make

adjustments because the CE requirements are included in the law. When those requirements change due to research or other important prevailing practice conditions, it can become difficult to change those regulations when practice requirements see those changes as necessary. Because our profession's standards are based upon the credentialing standards of BACB, it may be easier to align our standards to those instead of stating a fixed number that may be unmovable or inflexible at a later date.