

## Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst (BCaBA)

“The BCaBA conducts descriptive behavioral assessments and is able to interpret the results and design ethical and effective behavior analytic interventions for clients. The BCaBA designs and oversees interventions in familiar cases (e.g., similar to those encountered during their training) that are consistent with the dimensions of applied behavior analysis. The BCaBA obtains technical direction from a BCBA for unfamiliar situations. The BCaBA is able to teach others to carry out interventions once the BCaBA has demonstrated competency with the procedures involved under the direct supervision of a BCBA. The BCaBA may assist a BCBA with the design and delivery of introductory level instruction in behavior analysis. It is mandatory that each BCaBA practice under the supervision of a BCBA. Governmental entities, third-party insurance plans and others utilizing BCaBAs must require this supervision.”

- Behavior Analyst Certification Board

## Employment Opportunities

Assistant behavior analysts work with people of all ages, from early childhood to geriatrics, and in multiple settings such as homes, schools, hospitals, residential facilities, rehabilitation centers, research labs and places of business. For information on job postings or local employment opportunities, check out the “Employment Board” on the juncture of Sierra Tower and Sierra Hall, or visit <http://www.calaba.org/employment.asp>, [www.autismspeaks.org](http://www.autismspeaks.org), [www.abainternational.org](http://www.abainternational.org), or [www.csun.edu/~klab](http://www.csun.edu/~klab).



*Behavior Analysis: the design, implementation, and evaluation of instructional and environmental modifications to produce socially significant improvements in human behavior through skill acquisition and the reduction of problematic behavior.*

- California Department of Developmental Services

## Contact Us

Please visit the CSUN psychology Web site for information about the BCaBA route: <http://www.csun.edu/csbs/departments/psychology>

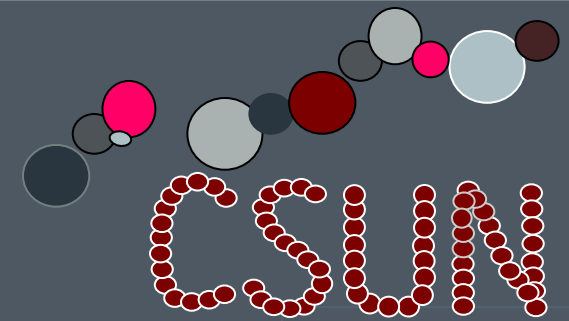
For information on the course work and academic expectations contact:

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## Becoming Certified

For information on certification requirements and standards visit the BACB Web site : <http://www.bacb.com/>



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## BCaBA Route



## With this route you can

- Complete your BA degree and BCaBA coursework simultaneously.
- Obtain applicable skills that enable you to make a difference in people's lives.
- Access better employment opportunities.
- Prepare for rigorous graduate training.

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## The Courses & Internship

### PSY 351 - Behavioral Psychology & Therapy (3 units)

**Prerequisites:** PSY 150, PSY 250, completion of the lower division writing requirement. Recommended Preparation: PSY 301.

The focus of this course is on how we learn certain behaviors, why we behave as we do, and how human behavior can be modified. Topics include basic concepts, research methods used to study adaptive and maladaptive behaviors, assessment procedures, intervention strategies and outcomes, self-management, and ethical considerations in practice. This course may be used to fulfill the 300-level Clinical/Personality Psychology Cluster Requirement for psychology majors.

### PSY 406 - Developmental Psychopathology (3 units)

**Prerequisites:** PSY 313 and completion of the Upper Division Writing Proficiency Exam with a score of 8 or higher; Recommended Preparation: PSY 301. Study of disorders diagnosed in infancy, childhood, or adolescence (e.g., autism, mental retardation, communication disorders) and the empirically validated interventions appropriate for each population.



### PSY 471AB - Advanced Inquiry in Clinical Psychology: Applied Behavior Analysis (5 units)

**Prerequisites:** PSY 301, PSY 320/L, PSY 321/L, any course from required Clinical Cluster (PSY 310 or PSY 351 or PSY 353 or PSY 370 or PSY 380), and a score of 8 or better on the Upper Division Writing Proficiency Exam. Co-requisite: PSY 471 ABS.

The focus of this course is on the science of behavior analysis and its application to improve problems of social significance. Available for graduate credit with consent of student's graduate advisor.

### Internship, Service Learning Course, and/or Research Experience

Please read the Certification Board's standards for appropriate supervised experience, amount of supervision required, appropriate clients & activities, supervisor qualifications, and more. The CSUN Psychology Department may offer various high quality experience and research opportunities that may count for some of your supervised experience hours. These courses and activities will be supervised by BCBA faculty, highly encouraged, but not required, for students looking for behavior analytic experiences under faculty supervision. If you are seeking such experience, be sure to use the contacts below.

\* Please go to [www.bacb.com](http://www.bacb.com) for Standards for Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst (BCaBA). To become eligible to sit for the board exam, candidates must have a bachelors degree, approved course-work (the classes outlined in this brochure), and approved experience.

For more information , you may contact  
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*As a publicly funded university, CSUN has a duty to give the public a return on its investment, by providing graduates who are proficient enough to serve the needs of their communities. While the complexities of psychology require a graduate education for true expertise, an undergraduate education in psychology should give students a relevant skill set that is socially useful and economically productive. Behavioral coursework is ideal for meeting such requirements. It provides students with a powerful tool to improve the lives of others, a sought after skill set, and a results focused, empirical world view that is useful in all endeavors. Many psych courses have left me thinking "hey, that's pretty interesting." Your course, however, left me thinking "wow, that's actually useful."*  
- Preston Sobel, CSUN Student

