



# Registered Behavior Technician Online Certification Prep Course

at the University of Kansas

## Applied Behavior Analysis for Practitioners

The Applied Behavior Analysis for Practitioners course will provide training on behavioral principles and procedures for individuals seeking Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) certification. This course includes lectures and application activities in ethics, observation and data collection, skill acquisition plans and procedures, and behavior reduction plans and procedures. This training program is based on the Behavior Analyst Certified Board (BACB) RBT Task List and is designed to meet or exceed the 40-hour training requirement for the RBT credential. The program is offered independently of the BACB.

### Course Outline

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#### **Unit 1: Course Overview, Expectations, and Information About Credentials**

- Levels of BACB Certification
- Requirements for RBT Certification
- Components of the Course

#### **Unit 2: Professional Conduct and Scope of Practice**

- Historical Context for Ethical Guidelines
- Professional and Ethical Compliance Code for Behavior Analysts

#### **Unit 3: Behavior and Environment**

- Behavior
- The Three-term Contingency

#### **Unit 4: Observation and Measurement of Behavior**

- Continuous and Discontinuous Measures
- Types of Data collection
- Graphing behavioral data

#### **Unit 5: Reinforcement**

- Reinforcers and Positive and Negative Reinforcement
- Basic Schedules of Reinforcement

#### **Unit 6: Preference Assessment**

- Preference
- Stimulus preference assessments

#### **Unit 7: Fundamentals of Skill Acquisition**

- Behavioral Repertoires
- Skill Acquisition Plans



## **Unit 8: Prompts and Prompt Fading**

- Types of Prompts
- Prompt Hierarchies
- Prompt Fading

## **Unit 9: Discrete-Trial Teaching Procedures**

- Discrete Trial Teaching
- Components of Discrete Trial Teaching: Instruction, Prompt, Response, and Reinforcer

## **Unit 10: Task Analysis and Chaining**

- Behavior Chains and Task Analysis
- Forward Chaining, Backward Chaining, and Total Task Presentation

## **Unit 11: Discrimination Training**

- Stimulus Control, Discriminative Stimulus, and Stimulus Delta
- Discrimination Training
- Stimulus Fading

## **Unit 12: Generalization and Maintenance**

- Response Generalization and Stimulus Generalization
- Promoting Generalization

## **Unit 13: Naturalistic Teaching Procedures**

- Naturalistic Teaching Approaches
- Activity-based Instruction Methods
- Incidental Teaching Methods

## **Unit 14: Functions and Functional Assessment**

- Why a Behavior May Be Undesirable
- Common Social Functions of Behavior
- Automatic Reinforcement
- ABC Data Collection

## **Unit 15: Behavior Reduction**

- Healthy Contingencies
- Behavior Support Plans
- Reducing Undesired Behavior
- Differential Reinforcement
- Extinction

## **Unit 16: Crisis Management**

- Restrictive Procedures
- Behavioral Crises

### **More Information Available**

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