

**WAC 246-805-400 Continuing education requirements for an LBA and**

**LABA.** An LBA or LABA must attest to completing the continuing education (CE) requirements in this section as a condition of renewing the license every two years. CE must be completed during the first full CE reporting period after July 1, 2018.

(1) Maintaining certification from the BACB or another national certification board approved by the secretary that requires CE as part of certification meets CE requirements as described in this section.

(2) An LBA shall complete a minimum of thirty-two hours of CE related to the practice of applied behavior analysis.

(a) A minimum of twenty hours of activities must directly address:

(i) Behavior analytic skill development; and

(ii) Current practices in clinical practice of applied behavior analysis.

(b) At least four hours must pertain to professional ethics and boundaries of a behavior analyst.

(c) No more than eight hours may be in professional development activities that enhance the licensee's business practice as an LBA.

(3) An LABA shall complete twenty hours of CE related to the practice of applied behavior analysis.

(a) A minimum of ten hours of activities must directly address:

(i) Behavior analytic skill development; and

(ii) Current practices in clinical practice of applied behavior analysis.

(b) At least four hours must pertain to professional ethics and boundaries of a behavior analyst.

(c) No more than six hours may be in professional development activities that enhance the licensee's business practice as an LABA.

(4) Fifty minutes of CE contact time or direct instruction is equivalent to one CE hour.

(5) The CE hours must be obtained through one or more of the following:

(a) Courses from a college or university accredited by the United States Department of Education may meet all of the required CE hours.

(i) One academic semester credit is equivalent to fifteen CE hours.

(ii) One academic quarter credit is equivalent to ten CE hours.

(b) Courses from a CE provider.

(i) Courses from providers approved by the BACB or a national certification board affiliated with behavior analysis approved by the secretary may meet all of the required CE hours.

(ii) Courses from providers not approved by a national certification board affiliated with behavior analysis may meet no more than eight CE hours.

(c) Licensee-led instruction of a CE course.

(i) College or university instruction may meet no more than sixteen CE hours.

(ii) Any other type of instruction may meet no more than eight CE hours.

(iii) Repeated instruction in the same course may only qualify for CE credit one time in a single CE reporting period.

(iv) Instruction must be related to applied behavior analysis.

(d) The following activities are eligible for up to eight CE hours and only count during the CE time period when the article was published or reviewed:

(i) Publication of an applied behavior analysis article in a peer-reviewed journal is equivalent to eight CE hours;

(ii) Completion of reviewing an applied behavior analysis article for a peer-reviewed journal is equivalent to one CE hour; or

(iii) Serving as an action editor of an applied behavior analysis article for a peer-reviewed journal is equivalent to one CE hour.

(6) An LBA and LABA shall comply with the requirements of chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 7; and shall keep and provide CE documentation upon request. Acceptable documentation depends on the CE activity and includes:

(a) Course syllabus and transcript from college or university;

(b) Certificate or letter from a CE provider that includes the course topic and CE hours completed;

(c) Title, description, and dates of course of instruction on a letter from the academic institution or education provider;

(d) Copy of the final publication of article listing the credential holder as the author;

(e) Letter of attestation from the action editor reporting the credential holder's name as a reviewer of an applied behavior analysis article; or

(f) Editorial decision letter reporting the credential holder's name as an action editor of an applied behavior analysis article.

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