

WAC 246-805-130 Licensed behavior analyst—Supervised experience. (1) An LBA trainee applying for an initial LBA license for an initial LBA license shall show completion of a minimum of 1,500 hours of supervised experience in behavior analysis according to this section.

(2) The LBA trainee must be enrolled in or have completed a recognized education program and topics required in WAC 246-805-120 according to this chapter prior to beginning the required supervised experience.

(3) (a) The LBA trainee shall complete their supervised experience within five years of the start date of the supervised experience.

(b) Supervision must be conducted at least every two weeks.

(c) When actively participating in a supervised experience, the LBA trainee shall participate in at least 10 hours and no more than 30 hours per week.

(4) A minimum of five percent of the total hours accrued in each month must be under the supervision of a training program supervisor who meets the qualifications of this section.

(5) A training program supervisor for an LBA trainee shall:

(a) (i) Hold an active license in good standing as an LBA with at least one year of full-time equivalency practice; or

(ii) Hold a current certification equivalent to a LBA from a professional credentialing entity; and

(b) Not be related to, subordinate to, or employed by the LBA trainee during the supervised experience period. Employment does not include compensation received by the training program supervisor from the LBA trainee for supervision services.

(6) Supervision must include:

(a) Observing and providing feedback to the LBA trainee on their behavior analytic activities with a client in the natural environment;

(b) Observing the LBA trainee in real time by web camera, video-conferencing, or similar means when the training program supervisor is not physically present; and

(c) Supervising in small groups of up to six LBA trainees for no more than half of the total supervision required in subsection (3) of this section.

(7) The LBA trainee shall perform the following activities during the supervised experience:

(a) Directly implementing behavioral programs delivering therapeutic and instructional procedures, which may not exceed 50 percent of the total accrued experience hours; and

(b) Designing and systematically monitoring behavioral programs, naturalistic observation, staff and caregiver training, researching literature related to the program, and conducting assessments related to the need for behavioral intervention.

(8) Supervised experience must include the following content areas:

(a) Ethics and professional conduct;

(b) Measurement;

(c) Experimental design;

(d) Behavior-change considerations;

(e) Fundamental elements of behavior change;

(f) Behavior-change procedures;

(g) Behavior-change systems;

(h) Problem identification;

(i) Assessment;

- (j) Intervention;
- (k) Implementation, management and supervision;
- (l) Philosophical assumptions of behavior analysis;
- (m) Verbal operants; and
- (n) Respondent and operant conditioning.

(9) The training program supervisor and LBA trainee shall develop a supervision plan before the LBA trainee begins performing any behavior analytic tasks. The supervision plan must be maintained in the LBA trainee's file for seven years after completion of supervised experience. The supervision plan must include:

- (a) Types of duties and responsibilities the LBA trainee will perform;
- (b) Dates, time and duration of supervision;
- (c) Type of supervision, as described in subsection (6) of this section;
- (d) Brief description of supervision activities; and
- (e) Signatures of both the training program supervisor and LBA trainee.

(10) A supervised experience under this section may be completed as part of or in addition to the LBA trainee's master's or doctorate degree program.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.122.050, 18.380.050, 18.380.110, 43.70.110, 43.70.250, 2020 c 76, and 2021 c 276. WSR 24-11-103, § 246-805-130, filed 5/17/24, effective 6/17/24.]