

GRANT APPLICATION

BCBA Coursework and Practicum at the University of South Carolina

Applications must be received by: Feb. 11, 2022, 11:59 p.m.

Final selection announced: Feb. 25, 2022

Submit applications via:

E-mail: autism@scdhhs.gov

OR

Fax: **803-255-8204**

Electronic signatures are acceptable on emailed applications

For more information about participating in this project visit <https://msp.scdhhs.gov/autism/> or contact:

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BCBA Coursework and Supervised Field Work at the University of South Carolina Grant Application

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) is seeking individuals possessing a bachelor's, master's or doctoral degree to apply for a grant opportunity which sponsors coursework and supervised fieldwork through a partnership with the University of South Carolina. The coursework is a non-degree granting course sequence and verified by the Association for Behavior Analysis International. The supervised fieldwork will meet the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) requirements for Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs). Persons interested in becoming a BCBA or Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst (BCaBA) may apply. To learn more about certification in Behavior Analysis, visit the BACB website at BACB.com.

Twenty-five (25) individuals will be selected to participate in the coursework over the course of six (6) semesters. Six (6) of the twenty-five (25) individuals will be selected to participate in the supervised fieldwork over the course of five (5) semesters. The courses will include online synchronous and asynchronous components as well as face-to-face classes. Individuals from across the state of South Carolina will be considered for this opportunity; however, students must be available to travel to UofSC's campus in Columbia, SC. Students accepted to participate in fieldwork may use their place of employment as a field work site if it meets requirements. To be considered, individuals must submit this completed application and *a copy of his/her diploma of the highest degree achieved* and participate in a scheduled telephone interview. Individuals chosen may have the following course sequence and practicum sponsored by SCDHHS:

- Summer 2022: Course 1 (three credits)
- Fall 2022: Course 2 (three credits) and Practicum 1 (three credits)
- Spring 2023: Course 3 (three credits) and Practicum 2 (three credits)
- Summer 2023: Course 4 (three credits) and Practicum 3 (three credits)
- Fall 2023: Course 5 (three credits) and Practicum 4 (three credits)
- Spring 2024: Course 6 (three credits), Course 7 (three credits) and Practicum 5 (three credits)

Course schedules follow the academic calendars available through the [UofSC Registrar's Office](#).

Specific course meeting times are subject to vary slightly between semesters; however, students must be available to attend face-to-face courses on weekday evenings approximately twice per month for coursework and three times per month for fieldwork. Face-to-face classes typically start at 6:00 pm and last 1.5-2.5 hr.

Students participating in fieldwork will schedule additional individual meetings with the supervisor on a weekly basis.

The terms and conditions for the BCBA grant application process are more fully explained in Attachment A and are considered as part of this application.

EXPECTATIONS:

I understand the six (6) expectations listed below are required of me should I be selected to participate in the program.

- Achievement of an “A” or “B” in each course.
- A grade of “C” or lower means you will be immediately dismissed from the program.
- Dismissal from any of the practicum courses will result in repayment to SCDHHS (\$440.00 per three-credit course and \$2,900.00 per three-credit practicum) for the courses in which you enrolled.
- Within one (1) year of completing your degree, BCBA coursework and practicum you must enroll as a SCDHHS Medicaid Applied Behavior Analysis provider and remain in good standing for three (3) consecutive years if participating in the coursework only or five (5) consecutive years if participating in the coursework and practicum.
- After enrolling as a SCDHHS Medicaid Applied Behavior Analysis provider, you must maintain a caseload ratio of at least fifty percent (50%) Medicaid beneficiaries receiving Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) State Plan services for three (3) consecutive years if participating in the coursework only or five (5) consecutive years if participating in the coursework and practicum. More information regarding the services can be found at: <https://scdhhs.gov/provider-type/autism-spectrum-disorder-services-may-4-2017-edition>.
- If you do not comply with any part of these expectations, you will reimburse SCDHHS the appropriate dollar amount for the practicum courses in which you enroll (\$440.00 per three-credit course, \$2,900.00 per three-credit practicum). The amount payable by you will not exceed \$11,600.00 if participating in the coursework only or \$14,680.00 if participating in the coursework and practicum.

I agree to the six (6) expectations listed above.

- Yes
- No

DEMOGRAPHICS

The Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) State Plan initiative is seeking South Carolina residents interested in pursuing their BCBA certification. The focus of the project is to increase the number of Applied Behavior Analysis providers who are enrolled with Medicaid in South Carolina, leading to an increase in the number of Medicaid beneficiaries who are receiving Applied Behavior Analysis through ASD State Plan services by BCBA's.

1. Provide the following information about yourself:

Name:

Street Address:

City, State, Zip Code:

County:

Phone Number:

E-mail:

2. Are you enrolled as an Applied Behavior Analysis provider with South Carolina Medicaid?

- Yes
 No

3. Are you enrolled as a SC Medicaid Provider for any provider type?

- Yes
 No

4. What are you applying for?

Coursework only:

Students will be funded to complete six graduate-level courses. Students must independently locate a placement (e.g., current employment setting) in which they can provide behavior-analytic services and must independently locate a supervisor to meet Fieldwork Requirements describe at www.bacb.com

Coursework and Supervised Fieldwork:

Students will be funded to complete six graduate-level courses and five semesters of university-based practicum. Students can provide behavior analytic services in their current employment setting if it meets the requirements or can request instructor assistance with obtaining a placement. Students *MUST* receive signed permission from a supervisor for the instructor to observe in-person or through video recording.

5. What is your highest degree achieved? (Check all that apply)

- Bachelor's
 Master's
 Doctorate

Reminder: You MUST submit a copy of your diploma of the highest degree achieved with this application

6. Are you currently in a graduate degree program?

- Yes
 No

7. If yes to 5, please include the estimated date of completion:

8. Is your Grade Point Average 3.0 or higher?

- Yes
 No

9. Are you a Registered Behavior Technician?

- Yes

No

If yes, please include the name of the organization you're employed at:

10. If yes to 8: What percentage of your patient population receives Medicaid?

- Between 0 – 25% of patients
- Between 26 – 50% of patients
- Between 51 - 75% of patients
- Over 76% of patients

11. Are you available to attend classes on weekday evenings in Columbia, SC approximately twice per month (for coursework) and three times per month (for fieldwork)?

- Yes
- No

12. Describe your interest in obtaining an advance certification in behavior analysis and how you plan to utilize the certification:

Application Completed by: _____

Signature _____

Date: _____

Evaluation Criteria in Order of Importance

- a. Participation in telephone interview
- b. Medicaid provider enrollment status
- c. Highest degree achieved
- d. Academic performance
- e. Availability
- f. Location
- g. Enrollment status in graduate program
- h. Requested participation (coursework or coursework and practicum)
- i. Currently providing ABA

*All terms and conditions as outlined in the application and Attachment A must be met for consideration.

Required: Must possess a bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree prior to applying.

ATTACHMENT A
TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS

Eligibility

Applicants must possess a bachelor's, master's or doctoral degree prior to applying for the Grant.

Funding Restrictions

Grants will not be awarded for funding capital projects or to replace lost funding. Funds from this Grant shall not be used for land purchases; cost of buildings or facilities; bad debts; cost of life insurance when the Grantee is the beneficiary; late payment charges, including penalties and fines; contingency funds; contributions; entertainment; fines and penalties; actual losses which could have been covered by insurance; interest; fund raising costs; investment management costs; profit/losses on disposition of depreciable property of other capital; legal fees; or organizational promotional expenses or other expenditures specified in OMB circular A-87.

Expenses that directly promote the initiative or program may be allowable, but these are also subject to review and approval.

Grant Proposal Constitutes Offer

By submitting a Grant Proposal, the applicant (i) certifies that all information is true and correct and (ii) agrees to be governed by the terms and conditions described in this document, except where a subsequent contract resulting from this Grant Application Request (GAR) is specifically agreed to by the parties supersedes the language provided herein.

Notice of Award

Each applicant will be notified by letter after all Grant Proposals have been evaluated, and funding has been allocated.

Contracts

Each applicant who receives a Notice of Award will be required to enter into a contract with SCDHHS for participation in the program.

USC Enrollment Requirements

Each applicant who receives a Notice of Award will be required to complete standard USC enrollment requirements prior to contract execution.

Amendments

If it becomes necessary to revise any part of the GAR, all amendments will be provided to all applicants. Verbal comments or discussions relative to this solicitation cannot add, delete, or modify any written provision. Any alterations must be in the form of a written amendment to all applicants.

Receipt of Grant Proposal

It is required that the Grant Proposal be submitted no later than the date and time specified in the GAR. Applicants mailing Grant Proposals should allow a sufficient mail delivery period to ensure timely receipt of their Grant Proposals by the issuing office. Any Grant Proposals received after the scheduled date and time will immediately be considered non-responsive and disqualified. Postmarks will not be considered.

Political Activity

The Grantee agrees that none of these funds provided under this Grant Agreement shall be used for any partisan political activity, or to further the election or defeat of any candidate for political office.

No Obligation to SCDHHS

Neither SCDHHS nor any agent thereof on behalf of SCDHHS will be obliged in any way by any applicant response to this GAR.

Right of Rejection

SCDHHS reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Grant Proposals received as a result of the GAR, to negotiate with all qualified applicants, and to cancel, in part or in whole, this GAR if it is in the best interest of SCDHHS to do so. SCDHHS is the sole judge as to whether an applicant's Grant Proposal has or has not satisfactorily met the requirements of this GAR.