

ABA in NYS: What you need to know

All information has been retrieved from www.bacb.com and www.op.nysed.gov/prof/aba/abalic.htm as of 4/18/17. You are strongly encouraged to read these sites for yourself and to refer to them regularly, as information may change. Another good source of information is NYSABA (www.nysaba.org), and you are strongly encouraged to become a student member to get the latest, most up-to-date information.

BCBA and LBA: What's the difference?			
Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA)		Licensed Behavior Analyst (LBA)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• International credential• Process overseen by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB)• Does not limit scope of practice• Not required to legally practice in NYS• May be preferred by employers and consumers• Does not make you eligible to practice in NYS		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New York State credential• Recognized as a profession in NYS• Overseen by NYS Office of Professions• Scope of practice limited to individuals with autism with a prescription for ABA unless employed by an exempt setting• Required to practice in NYS if not employed by an exempt setting	
What are the processes for each?			
	BCBA	LBA	Recommended: BCBA+LBA
Coursework	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Verified course sequence• OR case-by-case course review	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NYS-registered programs in Psych or Education require comparative course review• Until 8/31/19, any NYS-registered program in ABA will be accepted without a comparative course review• After 8/31/19, only NYS-approved licensure-qualifying programs will be accepted without a comparative course review	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Until 8/31/19, program that is BACB-approved and NYS-registered in ABA• After 8/31/19, program that is BOTH BACB-approved and NYS-approved license-qualifying
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1500 hours under the supervision of a BCBA who meets BACB requirements• Meet with supervisor for a certain percentage of total hours depending on type of supervision• Can pay your supervisor• Can start while you are a student• Hours can be accrued per the BACB and are not specific to a diagnosis <p>WARNING: YOU MAY BE IN VIOLATION OF NYS LAW IF YOU ARE GETTING SUPERVISION TOWARDS YOUR BCBA, UNLESS YOU ALSO MEET THE CRITERIA FOR LBA SUPERVISION</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1500 hours under the supervision of an LBA or other authorized health provider• Have two individual contacts with supervisor twice a week (totaling 2 hours)• Can NOT pay your supervisor• Can NOT start while you are a student (unless in a practicum or enrolled in supervised fieldwork through your academic program)• Must have a limited permit if not a student or in an exempt setting• All hours must be completed with individuals with a diagnosis of autism and a prescription for ABA <i>even</i> if in an exempt setting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Follow guidelines for LBA supervision (See SED regulations and FAQs), but add BACB requirements:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Meet with supervisor for correct percentage of hours according to BACB○ Cannot count more than 30 or less than 10 hours per week○ Follow BACB guidelines for documenting hours, pre-training (modules)○ It is best to keep two tracking forms, one for BACB hours and one for LBA hours due to the differences in the requirements
Exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BACB exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NYLBA exam• Autism exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If you become a BCBA FIRST, NYS has indicated that it will NOT require you to take the NYLBA exam (see attached)

