



**College of Education and Human Development  
Division of Special Education and disAbility Research**

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EDSE 625 636: Applied Behavior Analysis: Verbal Behavior

CRN: TBD, 3 – Credits

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\*Note: This syllabus may change according to class needs. Teacher Candidates/Students will be advised of any changes immediately through George Mason e-mail and/or through Blackboard.

**Prerequisite(s):** EDSE 619

**Co-requisite(s):** None

**Course Description**

Expands capability to deal with more complex behavioral situations, and enables students to relate to more sophisticated professional issues and environments. Offered by Graduate School of Education. May not be repeated for credit.

**Advising Contact Information**

Please make sure that you are being advised on a regular basis as to your status and progress through your program. Mason M.Ed. and Certificate teacher candidates/students should contact the Special Education Advising Office at (703) 993-3670 for assistance. All other teacher candidates/students should refer to their faculty advisor.

### **Advising Tip**

Are you ready to apply for graduation? Students completing their program can apply for graduation on Patriotweb. If you are graduating from a Masters and certificate, be sure to apply to graduate from each program. Visit <http://registrar.gmu.edu/students/graduation/> for more information.

### **Course Delivery Method**

Learning activities include the following:

1. Class lecture and discussion
2. Application activities
3. Small group interteaching activities and assignments
4. Video and other media supports
5. Electronic supplements and activities via Blackboard

This course will be delivered online (76% or more) using both synchronous and asynchronous formats via Blackboard Learning Management system (LMS) housed in the MyMason portal. You will log in to the Blackboard (Bb) course site using your Mason email name (everything before @masonlive.gmu.edu) and email password. The course site will be available on 12 May 2018.

**Under no circumstances, may candidates/students participate in online class sessions (either by phone or Internet) while operating motor vehicles. Further, as expected in a face-to-face class meeting, such online participation requires undivided attention to course content and communication.**

### *Technical Requirements*

To participate in this course, students will need to satisfy the following technical requirements:

- High-speed Internet access with standard up-to-date browsers. To get a list of Blackboard's supported browsers see:  
[https://help.blackboard.com/Learn/Student/Getting\\_Started/Browser\\_Support#supported-browsers](https://help.blackboard.com/Learn/Student/Getting_Started/Browser_Support#supported-browsers)

To get a list of supported operation systems on different devices see:  
[https://help.blackboard.com/Learn/Student/Getting\\_Started/Browser\\_Support#tested-devices-and-operating-systems](https://help.blackboard.com/Learn/Student/Getting_Started/Browser_Support#tested-devices-and-operating-systems)

- Students must maintain consistent and reliable access to their GMU email and Blackboard, as these are the official methods of communication for this course.
- Students may be asked to create logins and passwords on supplemental websites and/or to download trial software to their computer or tablet as part of course requirements.

- The following software plug-ins for PCs and Macs, respectively, are available for free download: Adobe Acrobat Reader: <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>
- Windows Media Player: <https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/help/14209/get-windows-media-player>
- Apple Quick Time Player: [www.apple.com/quicktime/download/](http://www.apple.com/quicktime/download/)

### *Expectations*

- Course Week:  
Because asynchronous courses do not have a “fixed” meeting day, our week will start on Monday, and finish on Sunday at 11:59 pm US East Coast Time.  
Our course week will begin on the day that our synchronous meetings take place as indicated on the Schedule of Classes.
- Log-in Frequency:  
Students must actively check the course Blackboard site and their GMU email for communications from the instructor, class discussions, and/or access to course materials at least 3 times per week. In addition, students must log-in for all scheduled online synchronous meetings.
- Participation:  
Students are expected to actively engage in all course activities throughout the semester, which includes viewing all course materials, completing course activities and assignments, and participating in course discussions and group interactions.
- Technical Competence:  
Students are expected to demonstrate competence in the use of all course technology. Students who are struggling with technical components of the course are expected to seek assistance from the instructor and/or College or University technical services.
- Technical Issues:  
Students should anticipate some technical difficulties during the semester and should, therefore, budget their time accordingly. Late work will not be accepted based on individual technical issues.
- Workload:  
Please be aware that this course is **not** self-paced. Students are expected to meet *specific deadlines* and *due dates* listed in the **Class Schedule** section of this syllabus. It is the student’s responsibility to keep track of the weekly course schedule of topics, readings, activities and assignments due.
- Instructor Support:  
Students may schedule a one-on-one meeting to discuss course requirements, content or other course-related issues. Those unable to come to a Mason campus can meet with the instructor via telephone or web conference. Students should email the instructor to schedule a one-on-one session, including their preferred meeting method and suggested dates/times.
- Netiquette:

The course environment is a collaborative space. Experience shows that even an innocent remark typed in the online environment can be misconstrued. Students must always re-read their responses carefully before posting them, so as others do not consider them as personal offenses. *Be positive in your approach with others and diplomatic in selecting your words.* Remember that you are not competing with classmates, but sharing information and learning from others. All faculty are similarly expected to be respectful in all communications.

- Accommodations:

Online learners who require effective accommodations to insure accessibility must be registered with George Mason University Disability Services.

### **Learner Outcomes**

Upon completion of this course, teacher candidates/students will be able to:

1. Define and describe characteristics of verbal behavior.
2. Distinguish between structural and functional approaches to verbal behavior.
3. Define, describe, identify, and exemplify basic verbal operants.
4. Describe, identify, and exemplify audience and other historic and contextual variables as they pertain to verbal behavior.
5. Describe and demonstrate assessment of verbal behavior repertoires using the ABLLS-R and the VB-MAPP.
6. Interpret verbal behavior assessment data and identify goals and objectives for instruction.
7. Develop instructional and intervention procedures based on verbal behavior assessment outcomes.
8. Develop behavioral data collection and data based decision making systems to incorporate into instructional and assessment procedures based on verbal behavior assessment outcomes.
9. Describe philosophical and ethical aspects of verbal behavior assessment, instruction, and intervention.

### **Course Relationship to Program Goals and Professional Organizations**

This course is part of the George Mason University, Graduate School of Education (GSE), Special Education Program for Applied Behavior Analysis Graduate Certificate. The content of the courses in this program is derived from the Task List published by the national Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) as well as the Professional and Ethical Compliance Code for Behavior Analysts. The Professional and Ethical Compliance Code for Behavior Analysts is listed on the following website: <http://bacb.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/160321-compliance-code-english.pdf>. For more information on the Board and the examination, please visit the Board's website at [www.bacb.com](http://www.bacb.com).

### **Required Textbooks**

Partington, J.W. (2007). *The assessment of basic language and learning skills (Revised) (ABLLS-R)*. Pleasant Hill, CA: Behavior Analysts, Inc.

Sundberg, M.L. (2008). *Verbal Behavior Milestones Assessment and Placement Program*. Concord, CA: AVB Press. ISBN 978-0-9818356-1-7 and 978-0-9818356-0-0.

Sundberg, M.L., and Partington, J.W. (1998). *Teaching language to children with autism or other developmental disabilities*. Pleasant Hill, CA: Behavior Analysts, Inc.

Winokur, S. (1976). *A primer of verbal behavior: An operant view*. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, Inc. (NOTE: PURCHASE THIS ONLY FROM THE GMU BOOKSTORE!)

### **Recommended Textbooks**

American Psychological Association. (2010). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (6th ed.). Washington, DC: Author.

### **Required Resources**

Given the possibility of computer or internet difficulties some students may experience from time to time, students must consider and identify alternative availability of computers and internet access (e.g., public libraries, their employer (if permissible by the employer), internet cafes, etc.) within the first week of this course to ensure that they will be able to complete their assignments in a timely manner.

Several assignments will require that you scan your work and upload it to Blackboard. Given this, you will need to have access to a scanner that will permit you to scan a multiple page document into a single document and save it as a pdf file. Many of our home printers do this. Scanners are also available at Fedex Office, Staples, and other, similar stores for your use. Some employers will also permit use of their scanners for this purpose. Scanned multiple page documents must be in pdf format, and must include all pages for the document in a single pdf file. Uploads of multiple, single page pdfs, and uploads of jpg files will not be accepted.

### **Course Performance Evaluation**

Students are expected to submit all assignments on time in the manner outlined by the instructor (e.g., Blackboard, Tk20, hard copy).

### **Tk20 Performance-Based Assessment Submission Requirement**

It is critical for the special education program to collect data on how our students are meeting accreditation standards. Every teacher candidate/student registered for an EDSE course with a required Performance-based Assessment (PBA) is required to upload the PBA to Tk20 (regardless of whether a course is an elective, a one-time course or part of an undergraduate minor). A PBA is a specific assignment, presentation, or project that best demonstrates one or more CEC, InTASC or other standard connected to the course. A PBA is evaluated in two ways. The first is for a grade, based on the instructor's grading rubric. The second is for program accreditation purposes. Your instructor will provide directions as to how to upload the PBA to Tk20.

For *EDSE 625*, the required PBA is Verbal Behavior Instructional Program. Failure to submit the assignment to Tk20 will result in reporting the course grade as Incomplete (IN). Teacher candidates/students have until five days prior to the University-stated grade change deadline to upload the required PBA in order to change the course grade. When the PBA is uploaded, the teacher candidate/student is required to notify the instructor so that the “IN” can be changed to a grade. If the required PBA is not uploaded five days prior to the University-stated grade change deadline and, therefore, the grade not changed, it will become an F. Please check to verify your ability to upload items to Tk20 before the PBA due date.

## **Assignments and/or Examinations**

### **Performance-based Assessment (Tk20 submission required)**

**Verbal Behavior Instructional Project Drafts.** Beginning in Week 7, you will be assigned a portion of the VB Instructional Project to draft and submit prior to the next week’s class session. You will do this for four consecutive weeks. Each draft submitted on time will receive 2 points. Late drafts will not be accepted. You will be provided feedback on your drafts, which you will be expected to incorporate when putting together your final project.

**Verbal Behavior Video Assignments and Quizzes.** For the weeks so noted in the schedule that appears later in this document, you will be assigned a video to watch online. These videos are located in the VB Video Assignment Folder that is within the week’s Graded Activities folder. You will also find guided notes to accompany that video in the Lesson Documents folder for that week. Watch the video. Complete the Video Quiz for that week (online, through Blackboard). There will be 10 points possible for each quiz.

### **Performance-based Common Assignments (No Tk20 submission required)**

**ABA Toolchest Video Assignments and Quizzes.** For the weeks so noted in the schedule that appears later in this document, you will be assigned a video to watch online. These videos are located in the VB Video Assignment Folder that is within the week’s Graded Activities folder. You will also find guided notes to accompany that video in the Lesson Documents folder for that week. Watch the video. Complete the Video Quiz for that week (online, through Blackboard). There will be 10 points possible for each quiz.

**Reaction Papers .** To complete this assignment:

1. Go to <https://bao.unt.edu/BAO/continuingEducation.html>.
2. Create an account. (Note: You will not be charged for creating the account or for watching the videos. You will only be charged if you request a continuing education certificate. If you do not want the certificate, do not need the continuing education credit, and do not wish to pay the fee, do not request continuing education.)
3. Log In.

4. Click on Lectures and Reactions: 1 Hour Continuing Education. (Note: you will not complete UNT's reaction form unless you wish to receive continuing education – and pay the fee. Instead, follow the instructions below to complete this assignment.)
5. Locate the video from among the titles listed.
6. Click on the title.

*If the video to be watched is not from BAO Online, it will be embedded in the Blackboard Graded Activities Folder for the week for which it is assigned.*

7. Watch the video.
8. Write and submit a brief (1 – 2 page) paper in which you:
  - a. Summarize the presentation.
  - b. Explain what was new to you in this presentation.
  - c. Explain how you may incorporate this new information into your work.

Ensure that your spelling, grammar, and punctuation are correct. Submit your reaction paper through the links in the graded activities folders during the weeks for which they were assigned.

**Discussion Board Items.** During all but the first and last week of the course, you will have a Discussion Board Item to which to respond. To respond to the Discussion Board Item, read the item, and then do the activity listed in that item. Then, tell your classmates about it – describe what you did and what you found (or what happened) in the Discussion Board, for one point. Go back later that day or another day that week and read your classmates posts, and respond to one or more for a second point.

**Weekly Quizzes.** There are quizzes to be completed AFTER CLASS BUT BEFORE THE NEXT CLASS for weeks 2 – 8. There is a total of 77 questions across these quizzes. Each correct answer is worth one point toward your final grade. Total quiz availability time is equivalent to 1.5 min per question.

**EDSE 619 Final Exam.** If you don't use it, you lose it! This statement is true about many things we do – including our behavior analytic skills. At any point during the first two weeks of the course, you will complete the final exam that this instructor gives when he teaches EDSE 619. Within one week, your instructor will email you a feedback form that tells you how you performed with regard to the objectives assessed by that course. Each correctly answered question is worth 0.2 points, and so this exam is worth up to 10 points.

**EDSE 621 Final Exam.** If you don't use it, you lose it! This statement is true about many things we do – including our behavior analytic skills. At any point during the first two weeks of the course, you will complete the final exam that this instructor gives when he teaches EDSE 621. Within

one week, your instructor will email you a feedback form that tells you how you performed with regard to the objectives assessed by that course. Each correctly answered question is worth 0.2 points, and so this exam is worth up to 10 points.

### Course Policies and Expectations

#### Attendance/Participation

Students are expected to attend all discussions as assigned. Should a student miss a discussion, the student is responsible for securing any missed materials or notes from a classmate.

#### Late Work

Late work is not accepted.

#### Other Requirements

### Grading Scale

| Assignment Type                 | Number of Instances      | Points per Instance     | Total Possible for Assignment Type | Cumulative Total Possible |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| ABLIS-R Based VB IP             | 1 Project                | 40 points               | 40 points                          | 40 points                 |
| VB-MAPP Based VB IP             | 1 Project                | 40 points               | 40 points                          | 80 points                 |
| ABA Toolchest Video Quizzes     | 7 Quizzes                | 10 points               | 70 points                          | 150 points                |
| Discussion Board Items          | 10 items                 | 2 points per item       | 20 points                          | 170 points                |
| Weekly Quizzes (Weeks 2 – 8)    | 75 questions             | 1 point                 | 75 points                          | 245 points                |
| Reaction Paper Assignments      | 5 Assignments            | 5 points                | 25 points                          | 270 points                |
| VB Instructional Project Drafts | 4 Drafts                 | 2 points                | 8 points                           | 278 points                |
| EDSE 619 Final Exam             | 1 Exam                   | 10 points               | 10 points                          | 288 points                |
| EDSE 621 Final Exam             | 1 Exam                   | 10 points               | 10 points                          | 298 points                |
| A =<br>283 - 298 points         | A- =<br>268 - 282 points | B =<br>234 - 267 points | C =<br>209 - 233 points            | F <<br>209 points         |

\*Note: The George Mason University Honor Code will be strictly enforced. Students are responsible for reading and understanding the Code. “To promote a stronger sense of mutual responsibility, respect, trust, and fairness among all members of the George Mason University community and with the desire for greater academic and personal achievement, we, the student members of the university community, have set forth this honor code: Student members of the George Mason University community pledge not to cheat, plagiarize, steal, or lie in matters related to academic work.” Work submitted must be your own or with proper citations (see <https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/honor-code-system/>).

### Professional Dispositions

Students are expected to exhibit professional behaviors and dispositions at all times. See <https://cehd.gmu.edu/students/polices-procedures/>

### Class Schedule

\*Note: Faculty reserves the right to alter the schedule as necessary, with notification to students.

| Week                     | Read / View   | Complete and Submit   |
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| Week 1<br>14 May<br>2018 | <input type="checkbox"/> Review syllabus;<br><input type="checkbox"/> Week 1 Meeting<br><input type="checkbox"/> Week 1 Recordings – Verbal Behavior and Basic Verbal Operants<br><input type="checkbox"/> Examine Lesson 1 Documents<br><input type="checkbox"/> Interact with Extension Resources | <b>Behavior 11:59 pm on 27 May:</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> EDSE 619 Final Exam<br><input type="checkbox"/> EDSE 621 Final Exam                               |
| Week 2<br>21 May<br>2018 | <input type="checkbox"/> Read Winokur Ch. 1 – 4<br><input type="checkbox"/> Week 2 Recordings – Mand, Tacts<br><input type="checkbox"/> ABA Toolchest Quiz 1<br><input type="checkbox"/> Examine Lesson 2 Documents<br><input type="checkbox"/> Interact with Extension Resources                   | <b>Before 11:59 pm on 28 May:</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> DB 2<br><input type="checkbox"/> Week 2 Quiz<br><input type="checkbox"/> ABA Toolchest Video 1 Quiz |
| Week 3<br>28 May<br>2018 | <input type="checkbox"/> Read Winkour Ch. 5 and 6<br><input type="checkbox"/> Examine Lesson 3 Documents<br><input type="checkbox"/> Week 3 Recordings – Extended Tacts and Echoics<br><input type="checkbox"/> ABA Toolchest Video 2<br><input type="checkbox"/> Interact with Extension Resources | <b>Before 11:59 pm on 3 June:</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> DB 3<br><input type="checkbox"/> Week 3 Quiz<br><input type="checkbox"/> ABA Toolchest Video 2 Quiz |
| Week 4<br>4 June 2018    | <input type="checkbox"/> Read Winokur Ch. 7, 8, and 9<br><input type="checkbox"/> Examine Lesson 4 Documents<br><input type="checkbox"/> Week 4 Recordings – Textuals and Intraverbals<br><input type="checkbox"/> ABA Toolchest Video 3  | <b>Before 11:59 pm on 10 June:</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> DB 4<br><input type="checkbox"/> Week 4 Quiz<br><input type="checkbox"/> ABA Toolchest Video 3     |

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|                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Interact with Extension Resources   | Quiz   |
| Week 5<br>11 June<br>2018 | <input type="checkbox"/> Read Winokur Ch. 10 and 11<br><input type="checkbox"/> Examine Lesson 5 Documents<br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Week 5 Recordings – Autoclitics and Implications</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>ABA Toolchest Video 4</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Interact with Extension Resources  | <b>Before 11:59 pm on 17 June:</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> DB 5<br><input type="checkbox"/> Week 5 Quiz<br><input type="checkbox"/> ABA Toolchest Video 4 Quiz   |
| Week 6<br>18 June<br>2018 | <input type="checkbox"/> Read through as much of the VB-MAPP as you can this week<br><input type="checkbox"/> Examine Lesson 6 Documents<br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Week 6 Recordings – Introduction to VB Assessment; Beginning VB-MAPP</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>ABA Toolchest Video 5</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Interact with Extension Resources                          | <b>Before 11:59 pm on 24 June:</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> DB 6<br><input type="checkbox"/> Week 6 Quiz<br><input type="checkbox"/> ABA Toolchest Video 5 Quiz   |
| Week 7<br>25 June<br>2018 | <input type="checkbox"/> Finish reading the VB-MAPP<br><input type="checkbox"/> Examine Lesson 7 Documents<br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Week 6 Recordings – Scoring, Interpreting, and Planning Instruction with the VB-MAPP</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>ABA Toolchest Video 6</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Interact with Extension Resources  | <b>Before 11:59 pm on 1 July:</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> DB 7<br><input type="checkbox"/> Week 7 Quiz<br><input type="checkbox"/> ABA Toolchest Video 6 Quiz<br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>VB-MAPP Draft assignment in Week 7 Graded Activities folder</b>                           |
| Week 8<br>2 July 2018     | <input type="checkbox"/> Read through as much of the ABLLS-R as you can this week.<br><input type="checkbox"/> Examine Lesson 8 Documents<br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Week 8 Recordings – Administering, Interpreting, and Developing Instruction with the ABLLS-R</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>ABA Toolchest Video 7</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Interact with Extension Resources | <b>Before 11:59 pm on 8 July, complete:</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> DB 8<br><input type="checkbox"/> Week 8 Quiz<br><input type="checkbox"/> ABA Toolchest Video 7 and Video 7 Quiz<br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>ABLLS-R Draft Assignment in the Week 8 Graded Activities Folder</b> |
| Week 9<br>9 July 2018     | <input type="checkbox"/> Finish reading the ABLLS-R<br><input type="checkbox"/> Examine Lesson 9 Documents<br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Week 9 Recordings – Measuring Verbal Behavior</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Review Behavioral Data Collection Summary Sheet</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Interact with Extension Resources   | <b>Before 11:59 pm on 16 July, complete:</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> DB 9<br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>VB Instructional Project Target Selection and Data Collection Draft</b>   |
| Week 10                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Read Sundberg & Partington Ch 4 – 12  | <b>Before 11:59 pm on 23</b>   |

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| 16 July<br>2018            | <input type="checkbox"/> Examine Lesson 10 and 11 Documents<br><input type="checkbox"/> Lesson 10 and Lesson 11 Recordings: Selection Based v. Topography Based VB, Teaching VB<br><input type="checkbox"/> McGee Video<br><input type="checkbox"/> Gerenser Video<br><input type="checkbox"/> Interact with Extension Resources | July:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Submit McGee reaction paper<br><input type="checkbox"/> Submit Gerenser reaction paper<br><input type="checkbox"/> Complete DB 10  |
| Week 11<br>23 July<br>2018 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sundberg Video (Origins of Behavior Analytic Applications)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Skinner Video (Focus on Verbal Behavior)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Dreyfus Video (Verbal Behavior Development)   | Before 11:59 pm on 30 July:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Submit Sundberg reaction paper<br><input type="checkbox"/> Submit Skinner reaction paper<br><input type="checkbox"/> Submit Dreyfus reaction paper<br><input type="checkbox"/> Submit Verbal Behavior Instructional Project (TK20) |

### Core Values Commitment

The College of Education and Human Development is committed to collaboration, ethical leadership, innovation, research-based practice, and social justice. Students are expected to adhere to these principles: <http://cehd.gmu.edu/values/>

### GMU Policies and Resources for Students

#### Policies

- Students must adhere to the guidelines of the Mason Honor Code (see <https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/honor-code-system/> ).
- Students must follow the university policy for Responsible Use of Computing (see <http://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/policies/responsible-use-of-computing/>).
- Students are responsible for the content of university communications sent to their Mason email account and are required to activate their account and check it regularly. All communication from the university, college, school, and program will be sent to students **solely** through their Mason email account.
- Students with disabilities who seek accommodations in a course must be registered with George Mason University Disability Services. Approved accommodations will begin at the time the written letter from Disability Services is received by the instructor (see <http://ods.gmu.edu/>).
- Students must silence all sound emitting devices during class unless otherwise authorized by the instructor.

## Campus Resources

- Support for submission of assignments to Tk20 should be directed to [tk20help@gmu.edu](mailto:tk20help@gmu.edu) or <https://cehd.gmu.edu/aero/tk20>. Questions or concerns regarding use of Blackboard should be directed to <http://coursessupport.gmu.edu/>.
- For information on student support resources on campus, see <https://ctfe.gmu.edu/teaching/student-support-resources-on-campus>

For additional information on the College of Education and Human Development, please visit our website <https://cehd.gmu.edu/students/>.

## Appendix

The TK20 assignment rubric is as follows:

|                                      | <b>Does Not Meet Expectations<br/>1</b>  | <b>Meets Expectations<br/>2</b>   | <b>Exceeds Expectations<br/>3</b>   |
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| <b>Behavior Change Systems</b>       | <p>Given a completed ABLLS-R and a completed VB-MAPP, student incorporates at least 1 of these into assessment-derived instructional procedures for either ABLLS-R or VB-MAPP based procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Self-management procedures</li> <li>▪ Token economy</li> <li>▪ Direct instruction</li> <li>▪ Precision teaching</li> <li>▪ Personalized system of instruction</li> <li>▪ Incidental teaching</li> <li>▪ Functional communication training</li> </ul>  | <p>Given a completed ABLLS-R and a completed VB-MAPP, student incorporates at least 1 of these into assessment-derived instructional procedures for each assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Self-management procedures</li> <li>▪ Token economy</li> <li>▪ Direct instruction</li> <li>▪ Precision teaching</li> <li>▪ Personalized system of instruction</li> <li>▪ Incidental teaching</li> <li>▪ Functional communication training</li> </ul>  | <p>Given a completed ABLLS-R and a completed VB-MAPP, student incorporates at least 2 of these into assessment-derived instructional procedures for each assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Self-management procedures</li> <li>▪ Token economy</li> <li>▪ Direct instruction</li> <li>▪ Precision teaching</li> <li>▪ Personalized system of instruction</li> <li>▪ Incidental teaching</li> <li>▪ Functional communication training</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Identification of the Problem</b> | <p>Given a completed ABLLS-R and a completed VB-MAPP, student does fewer than 4 of the following for procedures derived from either assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reviews records and available data at the outset;</li> <li>▪ Explains behavioral concepts using non-technical language;</li> <li>▪ Describes and explains behavior, including private events, in behavior analytic (non-mentalistic) terms</li> <li>▪ Practices within limits of one's professional competence in applied behavior analysis;</li> <li>▪ Identifies and makes environmental changes that reduce need for behavior analysis services</li> </ul> | <p>Given a completed ABLLS-R and a completed VB-MAPP, student does 4 of the following for procedures derived from each assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reviews records and available data at the outset;</li> <li>▪ Explains behavioral concepts using non-technical language;</li> <li>▪ Describes and explains behavior, including private events, in behavior analytic (non-mentalistic) terms</li> <li>▪ Practices within limits of one's professional competence in applied behavior analysis;</li> <li>▪ Identifies and makes environmental changes that reduce need for behavior analysis services</li> </ul> | <p>Given a completed ABLLS-R and a completed VB-MAPP, student does 5 of the following for procedures derived from each assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reviews records and available data at the outset;</li> <li>▪ Explains behavioral concepts using non-technical language;</li> <li>▪ Describes and explains behavior, including private events, in behavior analytic (non-mentalistic) terms</li> <li>▪ Practices within limits of one's professional competence in applied behavior analysis;</li> <li>▪ Identifies and makes environmental changes that reduce need for behavior analysis services</li> </ul> |

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| <b>Assessment</b>             | <p>Given a completed ABLLS-R and a completed VB-MAPP, student does fewer than 4 of the following, for either assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Uses only observable and measurable terms to describe behavior</li> <li>▪ Uses only observable and measurable terms to describe environmental events</li> <li>▪ Organizes, analyzes, and interprets ABLLS-R and VB-MAPP data</li> <li>▪ Makes recommendations regarding behaviors that must be established, increased, maintained, or decreased</li> <li>▪ Identifies putative reinforcers</li> </ul>  | <p>Given a completed ABLLS-R and a completed VB-MAPP, student does 4 of the following, for each assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Uses only observable and measurable terms to describe behavior</li> <li>▪ Uses only observable and measurable terms to describe environmental events</li> <li>▪ Organizes, analyzes, and interprets ABLLS-R and VB-MAPP data</li> <li>▪ Makes recommendations regarding behaviors that must be established, increased, maintained, or decreased</li> <li>▪ Identifies putative reinforcers</li> </ul>  | <p>Given a completed ABLLS-R and a completed VB-MAPP, student does 5 of the following, for each assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Uses only observable and measurable terms to describe behavior</li> <li>▪ Uses only observable and measurable terms to describe environmental events</li> <li>▪ Organizes, analyzes, and interprets ABLLS-R and VB-MAPP data</li> <li>▪ Makes recommendations regarding behaviors that must be established, increased, maintained, or decreased</li> <li>▪ Identifies putative reinforcers</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Intervention</b>           | <p>Given a completed ABLLS-R and a completed VB-MAPP, student does the following for fewer than 4 instructional targets from each assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ State intervention goals in observable and measurable terms.</li> <li>▪ Identify potential interventions based on assessment results and best available scientific evidence</li> <li>▪ Program for stimulus and response generalization</li> <li>▪ Program for maintenance</li> <li>▪ Select behavioral cusps for intervention</li> <li>▪ Select intervention strategies based on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Client preference</li> <li>○ Client's current repertoire</li> <li>○ Supporting environments</li> <li>○ Environmental and resource constraints</li> <li>○ Social validity of the intervention</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <p>Given a completed ABLLS-R and a completed VB-MAPP, student does the following for no fewer than 4 instructional targets from each assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ State intervention goals in observable and measurable terms.</li> <li>▪ Identify potential interventions based on assessment results and best available scientific evidence</li> <li>▪ Program for stimulus and response generalization</li> <li>▪ Program for maintenance</li> <li>▪ Select behavioral cusps for intervention</li> <li>▪ Select intervention strategies based on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Client preference</li> <li>○ Client's current repertoire</li> <li>○ Supporting environments</li> <li>○ Environmental and resource constraints</li> <li>○ Social validity of the intervention</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <p>Given a completed ABLLS-R and a completed VB-MAPP, student does the following for no fewer than 5 instructional targets from each assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ State intervention goals in observable and measurable terms.</li> <li>▪ Identify potential interventions based on assessment results and best available scientific evidence</li> <li>▪ Program for stimulus and response generalization</li> <li>▪ Program for maintenance</li> <li>▪ Select behavioral cusps for intervention</li> <li>▪ Select intervention strategies based on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Client preference</li> <li>○ Client's current repertoire</li> <li>○ Supporting environments</li> <li>○ Environmental and resource constraints</li> <li>○ Social validity of the intervention</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| <b>Foundational Knowledge</b> | <p>Given a completed VB-MAPP and a completed ABLLS-R, student correctly targets at least two of the following for intervention for one of the two assessments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Echoics</li> <li>▪ Mands</li> <li>▪ Tacts</li> <li>▪ intraverbals</li> </ul>   | <p>Given a completed VB-MAPP and a completed ABLLS-R, student correctly targets at least two of the following for intervention for each assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Echoics</li> <li>▪ Mands</li> <li>▪ Tacts</li> <li>▪ intraverbals</li> </ul>   | <p>Given a completed VB-MAPP and a completed ABLLS-R, student correctly targets at least three of the following for intervention for each assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Echoics</li> <li>▪ Mands</li> <li>▪ Tacts</li> <li>▪ intraverbals</li> </ul>   |