



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

Spring 2021

EDSE 795 001: Standard Applied Behavior Analysis Practicum

CRN: 20001, 3 – Credits

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Office Hours: Email to schedule an appointment	Meeting Location: Practicum site
Office Location: GMU Finley 100	Other Phone: None

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 or PSYC 619 or Permission of Instructor

Co-requisite(s):

None

Course Description

Meets standard practicum supervision requirements by the BACB to provide hands-on experience designing, implementing, and evaluating behavior analytic procedures under the supervision of a Board Certified Behavior Analyst. Notes: This Applied Behavior Analysis Practicum follows the experience guidelines of the Behavior Analysis Certification Board (www.BACB.com).

Advising Contact Information

Please make sure that you are being advised on a regular basis as to your status and progress in your program. Students in Special Education and Assistive Technology programs can contact the Special Education Advising Office at 703-993-3670 or speced@gmu.edu for assistance. All other students should refer to their assigned program advisor or the Mason Care Network (703-993-2470).

Advising Tip

Remember you must apply for practicum each semester you plan to complete it. Applications are due by November 15 for spring, March 15 for summer and July 1 for fall.

Course Delivery Method

Learning activities include the following:

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

This course will be delivered online (76% or more) using synchronous format via the 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 Sunday, January 24, 2021. Supervision hours after the supervision contract is signed.

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: [Browser support \(https://help.blackboard.com/Learn/Student/Getting_Started/Browser_Support#supported-browsers\)](https://help.blackboard.com/Learn/Student/Getting_Started/Browser_Support#supported-browsers)

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

Expectations

- **Course Week:**
Because asynchronous courses do not have a “fixed” meeting day, our week will start on Sunday, and finish on Saturday. 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 1 time per week.
- **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 ensure 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. Develop goals to develop new behavior analytic skills according to the BACB Task List
2. Practice within one's limits of professional competence in applied behavior analysis.
3. Conduct behavioral measurement using a variety of behavioral measurement procedures.
4. Implement behavior analytic assessment procedures as directed by one's supervisor.
5. Interpret behavior analytic assessment procedures in conjunction with one's supervisor.
6. Develop behavior analytic intervention procedures in conjunction with one's supervisor.
7. Implement behavior analytic instruction and intervention procedures in conjunction with and as directed by one's supervisor.
8. Make data based decisions in conjunction with one's supervisor.
9. Complete and submit all documentation as required by one's supervisor and by GMU personnel.
10. Conduct oneself in accordance with the Guidelines for Responsible Conduct and the Disciplinary Standards.

Professional Standards

This course is part of the George Mason University, School of Education, 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.

Required Texts

No textbook required.

Recommended Texts

American Psychological Association. (2020). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (7th ed.). <https://doi.org/10.1037/0000165-000>

Required Resources

Go to the behavior analyst certification board website (www.bacb.com) and download the latest edition of the BACB Tasklist and Professional and Ethical Compliance Code.

Course Performance Evaluation

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

VIA 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 VIA (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 VIA.

For EDSE 795, the required PBA is (NO ASSESSMENT REQUIRED FOR THIS COURSE). Please check to verify your ability to upload items to VIA before the PBA due date.

Students will submit initial and final documents to Blackboard. Initial documents include a practicum supervision contract, Confidentiality policy and Declaration of Professional Practice. A home setting practicum may include additional consent forms such as authorization to share information and/or record session, and/or adult-in-home policy. A school-based setting may require additional consent forms such as authorization to disclose and/or audio/video consent. End of semester documents includes a summary Experience Verification form as well as each supervision form for the week.

Assignments and/or Examinations

Performance-based Assessment (VIA submission required)

None

College Wide Common Assessment (VIA submission required)

None

Other Assignments

1. Initial Documents

- Supervision Contract / Experiential Learning Agreement
- Confidentiality Policy
- Consent forms (as needed)

2. Final Documents

- Monthly Experience Verification Forms
- Final Verification Form

Course Policies and Expectations

Attendance/Participation

You are expected to attend each supervision meeting scheduled with your BCBA supervisor (or supervisor designee for those participating in group supervision). You may miss no more than two of these meetings in the 8 week semester, with prior notice of at least 6 hours given for each. Should circumstances necessitate tardiness, you are expected to contact supervisor and notify her or him. Unless other arrangements are made between you and your BCBA supervisor, you may not accrue the hours needed to fulfill satisfactory progress in the supervision program.

Late Work

You are expected to attend each supervision meeting scheduled with your BCBA supervisor (or supervisor designee for those participating in group supervision). You may miss no more than two of these meetings in the 8 week semester, with prior notice of at least 6 hours given for each. Should circumstances necessitate tardiness, you are expected to contact supervisor and notify her or him. Unless other arrangements are made between you and your BCBA supervisor, you may not accrue the hours needed to fulfill satisfactory progress in the supervision program.

Other Requirements

1. Experience Tracker

Students are responsible for maintaining a log of hours, which may be requested by the BCBA supervisor to match supervised hours with hours worked and to determine if progress is made toward the total hours for the semester.

2. Supervision Binder

Students are responsible for creating and maintaining a Practicum Binder to show evidence of learning activities based on the BACB Tasklist sections.

3. ABA Project

Students are encouraged to develop a practicum project focused on behavior change. The focus of the project is for the practicum student to acquire new behavior-analytic skills. Activities must be consistent with the dimensions of applied behavior analysis identified by Bear, Wolf, and Risley (1968). Examples of the project can include:

- Conducting assessments related to the need for behavioral interventions
- Demonstration of a behavior change process
- Design, implementation, and evaluation of a skill-acquisition program
- Design, implementation, and evaluation of a training program

CONTESTED EXPERIENCE:

If a supervisee is unable to obtain the signature of a supervisor on the Experience Verification Form or disagrees with the total number of hours recorded on the form, the supervisee may supplement his or her application with proof of the following:

- A. Copy of the supervisory contract
- B. Copies of the signed Monthly and Final Experience Supervision Forms completed during the experience
- C. Letters or other documentation from third parties who observed the supervisory relationship

Supervisees also must provide the supervisor with copies of the documentation they are submitting to the BACB and must include proof of provision of this information to the supervisor (e.g., certified mail receipt along with a letter from the supervisee to the supervisor).

Grading Scale

Practicum is graded on a Pass / Fail system. To obtain a passing grade, the following tasks and performances must be met:

1. Receive a Satisfactory rating on more than 80% of the Experience Verification forms during individual supervision sessions.
2. Initial documents (i.e., Practicum Supervision Contract, Confidentiality policy, Declaration of Professional Practice, and necessary consent forms) must be uploaded onto the course ASSESSMENT tab.
3. End of the semester documents (i.e., Monthly Experience Verification form and Final Experience verification forms) must be uploaded onto the course ASSESSMENT tab.

***Note:** The George Mason University Honor Code will be strictly enforced. See [Academic Integrity Site](https://oai.gmu.edu/) (<https://oai.gmu.edu/>) and [Honor Code and System](https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/honor-code-system/) (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/honor-code-system/>). 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 new, original work for this course or with proper citations.

Professional Dispositions

Students are expected to exhibit professional behaviors and dispositions at all times. See [Policies and Procedures](https://cehd.gmu.edu/students/policies-procedures/) (<https://cehd.gmu.edu/students/policies-procedures/>).

Class Schedule

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

Week	Objective	Assignment	Readings
1	Meet with BCBA supervisor, practicum site personnel, clients Review Initial Documentation Packet	* Complete Initial Documentation Packet with BCBA supervisor & Practicum Site * Obtain Home/School Consent forms as needed * Develop practicum schedule	Bear, Wolf, & Risely (1968)
2	Meet with BCBA supervisor and clients Set up system to complete, organize, and store on-going documentation (supervision forms) Set up system to maintain log of hours	* Upload initial Documentation Packet to GMU online assessment system * Set practicum goal(s)	As assigned by the BCBA supervisor
3	Meet with BCBA supervisor and clients Complete on-going documentation (supervision forms) Maintain log of hours	* Define goal and measurement system * Develop task analysis to complete goal	As assigned by the BCBA supervisor
4	Meet with BCBA supervisor and clients Complete on-going documentation (supervision forms) Maintain log of hours	* Monitor progress on goal * Monthly Verification Form	As assigned by the BCBA supervisor
5	Meet with BCBA supervisor and clients Complete on-going documentation (supervision forms) Maintain log of hours	* Monitor progress on goal * Progress review of supervision. Provide student with written and/or verbal feedback about whether adequate progress is being made.	As assigned by the BCBA supervisor
6	Meet with BCBA supervisor and clients	* Monitor progress on goal	As assigned by the BCBA supervisor

Week	Objective	Assignment	Readings
	Complete on-going documentation (supervision forms) Maintain log of hours		
7	Meet with BCBA supervisor and clients Complete on-going documentation (supervision forms) Maintain log of hours	* Monitor progress on goal	As assigned by the BCBA supervisor
8	Meet with BCBA supervisor and clients Complete on-going documentation (supervision forms) Maintain log of hours	* Monitor progress on goal * Monthly Verification Form	As assigned by the BCBA supervisor
9	Meet with BCBA supervisor and clients Complete on-going documentation (supervision forms) Maintain log of hours	Continue practicum activities until a minimum of 300 hours of behavior analytic hours are completed.	
10	Meet with BCBA supervisor and clients Complete on-going documentation (supervision forms) Maintain log of hours	* Monitor progress on goal	As assigned by the BCBA supervisor
11	Meet with BCBA supervisor and clients Complete on-going documentation (supervision forms) Maintain log of hours	* Monitor progress on goal	As assigned by the BCBA supervisor
12	Meet with BCBA supervisor and clients Complete on-going documentation (supervision forms) Maintain log of hours	* Monitor progress on goal * Monthly Verification Form	As assigned by the BCBA supervisor

Week	Objective	Assignment	Readings
13	Meet with BCBA supervisor and clients Complete on-going documentation (supervision forms) Maintain log of hours	* Monitor progress on goal	As assigned by the BCBA supervisor
14	Meet with BCBA supervisor and clients Complete on-going documentation (supervision forms) Maintain log of hours	* Monitor progress on goal	As assigned by the BCBA supervisor
15 Final	Final meeting with BCBA supervisor and clients Complete final documentation (supervision forms)	* Review summary of skills/experiences gained and skills/experiences you plan to work on * Submit Monthly and Final Experience Verification forms onto GMU Blackboard Course	As assigned by the BCBA supervisor

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: See [Core Values](http://cehd.gmu.edu/values/) (<http://cehd.gmu.edu/values/>).

GMU Policies and Resources for Students

Policies

- Students must adhere to the guidelines of the Mason Honor Code. See [Honor Code and System](https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/honor-code-system/) (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/honor-code-system/>).
- Students must follow the university policy for Responsible Use of Computing. See [Responsible Use of Computing](http://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/policies/responsible-use-of-computing/) (<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

[Disability Services \(https://ds.gmu.edu/\)](https://ds.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 either Tk20 or VIA should be directed to <https://cehd.gmu.edu/aero/assessments/>
- Questions or concerns regarding use of Blackboard should be directed to [Blackboard Instructional Technology Support for Students \(https://its.gmu.edu/knowledge-base/blackboard-instructional-technology-support-for-students/\)](https://its.gmu.edu/knowledge-base/blackboard-instructional-technology-support-for-students/).

Notice of mandatory reporting of sexual assault, interpersonal violence, and stalking:

- As a faculty member, I am designated as a “Responsible Employee,” and must report all disclosures of sexual assault, interpersonal violence, and stalking to Mason’s Title IX Coordinator per University Policy 1202. If you wish to speak with someone confidentially, please contact one of Mason’s confidential resources, such as Student Support and Advocacy Center (SSAC) at 703-380-1434 or Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) at 703-993-2380. You may also seek assistance from Mason’s Title IX Coordinator by calling 703-993-8730, or emailing the [Title IX Coordinator \(titleix@gmu.edu\)](mailto:titleix@gmu.edu).
- **For information on student support resources on campus, see [Student Support Resources on Campus \(https://ctfe.gmu.edu/teaching/student-support-resources-on-campus\)](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 [College of Education and Human Development \(http://cehd.gmu.edu/\)](http://cehd.gmu.edu/).