

Pathways for Paraprofessionals

ESC Supported RBT & Specialized Behavior Technician Programs

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Agenda

- Meet Our Team
- Program Options & Comparison
- District Understandings
- Questions
- Registration Information



RBT vs. Specialized BT

- **RBT®:** complete 40 hours of coursework related to an official Task List of relevant skills, must pass a Competency Assessment, must pass a written exam, and practice under the ongoing supervision of a BCBA.
- **RBT® Task List:** 37 individual skills
- **Specialized Behavior Technician Program:** micro-credentialing in 10 individual skills most relevant to supporting students within a school environment.



RBT CERTIFICATION PATHWAY



RBT

- Curriculum: The Happy Medium
 - [The Happy Medium RBT \(eclipsetherapy.com\)](http://eclipsetherapy.com)
 - Focus on neurodiversity, trauma informed lens, student preference
 - 40 hours of self-paced online training
- Touchpoints with BCBA (ESC or district BCBA)
- Certification
 - Competency Assessment (conducted by BCBA)
 - Must be in person
 - Exam (fee for exam)
 - Supervision & Ongoing Credentialing



District Understandings – RBT

- Max 2 participants per cycle (first cycle beginning Nov. 1, 2022)
- Need 45 hours minimum sub time allotment (curriculum completion + touchpoint meetings)
- District or individual responsible for application & exam fees
- District responsible for creating and maintaining supervision plan once exam has been passed
 - 5% of monthly hours must be supervised by BCBA
 - RBT must follow ethics code (may need consent)
 - Credential renewal (yearly)



RBT Supervision by ESC BCBA

- Limited - based on availability of ESC staff
- District must provide consent forms for any students observed as part of ESC BCBA supervision



SPECIALIZED BEHAVIOR TECHNICIAN MICRO-CREDENTIALING PATHWAY



Specialized BT Program

- Canvas modules with PowerPoints, videos, readings, assessment questions and reflection activities
 - Can complete all or select based on need
 - Rolling enrollment beginning Nov. 1, 2022
 - Module 1 prerequisite to all additional modules
- Embedded touchpoint meetings with ESC BCBAs or lead within district
- GOAL: Districts provide an in-house lead OR in-house lead is developed by completing all modules and working with ESC team



Specialized Behavior Technician Curriculum

The following items from the task list will be addressed in separate modules throughout this Specialized Behavior Technician Micro-Credentialing Program:

1. Introduction to ABA (non-task list)
2. Integrating Trauma Informed Practices (non-task list)
3. A-1: Preparing for Data Collection
4. B-1: Conduct Preference Assessments
5. C-9: Implement Prompt and Prompt-Fading Procedures
6. C-12: Implement Token Economy Procedures
7. D-2: Describe Common Functions of Behavior
8. D-4: Implement Differential Reinforcement Procedures
9. D-5: Implement Extinction Procedures/Alternatives to Extinction Procedures
10. F-4/F-5: Maintain Professional Boundaries / Maintain Client Dignity



Cost

RBT Pathway

- RBT curriculum (The Happy Medium) - *FREE*
- Embedded support from ESC BCBAAs – *FREE*
- RBT Application and Exam fees
- Annual renewal fee
- 45 hours min. sub time / stipend

Specialized BT Pathway

- Specialized BT curriculum (Canvas modules) - *FREE*
- Embedded support from ESC BCBAAs - *FREE*



Additional ESC Services



BCBA candidate supervision



SOS team embedded supports

Observation, feedback, coaching,
increasing staff capacity to support
students



Professional development opportunities



Questions?



Contact

- More Information
 - www.escco.org/BehavioralSupportDevelopment
 - <https://www.bacb.com/>
 - <https://www.eclipsetherapy.com/the-happy-medium-rbt.html>
- Questions / Enroll
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