

Behavioral Assistance Training Certification Frequently Asked Questions

I'm getting my MSW. Can I substitute some of the required trainings for the courses I'm taking in my Master's program?

We do not have the resources to review outside curricula to ensure that it meets the DCBHS requirements. Also, the review for certification is based solely on the trainings offered through DCBHS, and the questions are for the most part made up by the individual trainers.

Are any of the trainings available online or on CDs?

DCBHS specifically requested UMDNJ to provide live trainings. There are CDs available for several of the trainings that we can provide to supervisors to assist BAs in reviewing training material if necessary.

I work full-time. Can any of the trainings be offered on weekends or evenings?

Saturday trainings are being scheduled due to the high demand. Please check the training website at least monthly to see when they will be available. We are happy to provide trainings on Saturdays for your convenience; however we may discontinue this practice if participation is low.

We are not planning to offer any evening trainings at this time. Many of our venues close at the end of business and are not available. Also, in order to provide the full content, trainings would have to be provided over two days so as not to keep people too late after they've already worked a full day.

The website only shows trainings for the following month. Is there any way we could get the schedule further in advance for planning purposes?

The schedule is posted on the 15th of every month for the following month. Due to the logistics of securing trainers and venues, it is not possible to confirm training dates and locations further out than that.

Can I go through the BA Training Certification program even if I'm not working as a BA right now?

The BA Services Orientation and the other 6 required courses are open to anyone. If you are planning on working as a BA in the near future, it may be helpful to get a head start on the certification process. However, you will not be able to take the online review, and therefore become certified, without a supervisor to sign off on the core competencies and the training participation.

Does getting BA Training Certified mean that I no longer need a bachelor's degree to be a BA?

No; the BA Training Certification is a separate requirement.

Can I go through the BA Training Certification process even if I don't have a bachelor's degree?

Yes. Current regulations require BAs to have a HS diploma or equivalent. However, the experience and education requirements could change in the future.

When will the new BA regulations take effect?

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The proposed regulations are currently under review. Check the DCBHS website regularly for updates.

Do I have to go to the BA Services Orientation before I attend any of the other required trainings?

The required trainings can be attended in any order that is convenient for you. The only exception is for supervisors; the BA Services Orientation must be attended before the BA Superuser Orientation.

I attended Cultural Competence sometime last year. Do I have to take it again?

If you have taken any of the required trainings since January 2007 and your supervisor can verify your attendance, it may count toward your certification.

I have to take Wraparound for my other job. Do I have to take it twice?

No; you only need to attend it once.

I am a supervisor. Which trainings do I have to go to?

Supervisors must attend the BA Services Orientation and the BA Superuser Orientation, in that order. You will not be able to register your BAs in the online BA Training Certification system unless you attend these two trainings.

How do I register for BA Trainings?

You register the same way you would register for any other DCBHS training. Go to www.nj.gov/dcf/behavioral/training. Once there, click on the blue shaded box that says "Online Training Registration."

Are all the trainings in the central region?

All required trainings, including the BA Services Orientation, will be offered throughout the state. Throughout the year, training locations for each training will rotate through the northern, central, and southern regions.

What about the Saturday trainings? Where will they be located?

Because of the late addition of Saturday trainings at the BAs request, we are only able to secure dates at our Piscataway location.

I don't see any of the BA Trainings on the registration website except for the Orientations.

Other than the Orientations, the required trainings are open to all system partners and not specifically labeled as BA trainings.

I work as a BA for two different agencies. Which supervisor verifies my training attendance and Core Competencies?

In response to feedback we've received from supervisors, the online system will be set up so that BOTH supervisors can verify training attendance and core competencies. Once ONE supervisor verifies both your training attendance and your core competencies, you will be able to take the online review.