

## FACT SHEET



### **Behavior Technician Level One Certificate Program (BTL1) Ensuring a qualified, competent, and legally defensible workforce**

This document is intended to provide general guidance for students and providers interested in using the Behavior Technician Level One Certificate Program as a means to achieve entry level knowledge about ABA and autism and to further their career in the human services field. The BTL1 Program is based on a comprehensive Job and Practice Analysis of the Behavior Technician role in the behavioral health field. Due to the rigorous and robust components of this credentialing program and third-party oversight, the BTL1 is setting precedents for ensuring behavior technicians are properly trained, educated, assessed, supervised, and credentialed. There is currently no other credentialing mechanism which requires third party oversight of the education and training components of the behavior technician.

#### **Overview of Behavior Technician Level One**

The BTL1 will prepare candidates with a strong basic foundation in the basic concepts and principles of applied behavior analysis and positive behavior approaches within the context of autism and related disabilities. The BTL1 program provides the foundation for the next steps in advanced education and training in ABA and autism. Four hours of this program are focused on Ethics and Professional Behavior. The BTL1 is an ANAB-Accredited Certificate Program and approved for 3 graduate level professional development credits through an accredited University\*. ANAB accreditation provides certificate program developers and certificate issuers guidelines for quality program development and administration and forms the foundation for a recognition and accreditation system that enables consumers, employers, government agencies, and others who rely upon a skilled workforce to distinguish between qualified workers and those with fraudulent or less-than-quality credentials.

*Inferences about Certificate Holders.* COMPLETION OF THE BTL1 CERTIFICATE PROGRAM DOES NOT SIGNIFY THAT A PERSON IS CERTIFIED, LICENSED, ACCREDITED, OR REGISTERED TO WORK INDEPENDENTLY AS A BEHAVIOR TECHNICIAN. Individuals who have completed the BTL1 program must work under a qualified supervisor. Completion of this course signifies that the certificate holder has met the intended learning outcomes. The course can be used as the training coursework portion for BCAT, RBT, and ABAT certifications, but the full certification process must be followed in order to qualify for the certification. In some cases, the certificate holder may be able to work for billable hours under some insurance providers. However, all work must be under a qualified supervisor and at the approval of their employer. CERTIFICATES ARE NOT TRANSFERABLE.

#### Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be at least 18 yrs old
- Must have a minimum of a HS Diploma or equivalent

#### Program Completion Requirements:

- Payment of Tuition: \$165
- Recommendation by immediate supervisor (professor, teacher, mentor, work supervisor)
- Completion of the 45-hour course, instructional supports, and probes at 90% criteria pass rate
- Complete 4 instructor-led exercises overseen by a BCBA-D
- Verification of a minimum of 15 hours of “on the job” training and demonstration of skills by a licensed or board-certified supervisor.
- Pass a standardized psychometrically sound final assessment. Cut Score: 72.67 % (passing score)
- Complete online survey for continued quality assurance and management



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- Agree to terms and conditions (Code of Ethics, Supervision Requirements, Role of a BTL1)
- Agree to inclusion of public registry as a source of primary source verification for third parties

Ongoing Agency and BTL1 Requirements when using the BTL1 as a personnel credentialing mechanism:

- BTL1 must always be under the supervision of a qualified supervisor and be directly supervised by a qualified supervisor at a minimum of 10% of the hours worked when providing direct ABA treatment and support. There are no exceptions.
- Agency must attest and verify record of a current Criminal Record Clearance
- The unique certificate # issued for each BTL1 can be verified with the ABA registry as primary source verification and the BT Oversight Committee.
- The certificate expires and is no longer valid after 3 years. Certificate can be revalidated.

Billing Information (as of March 2018):

- Agencies are responsible for verifying with their payers if the BTL1 is accepted as a credentialing mechanism
- Confirmed Carriers accepting BTL1 (this is not a comprehensive list)
  - Magellan HealthCare – and all state contracted carriers
  - Care1st Health Plan/Blue California
  - Health Net
  - CalOptima