

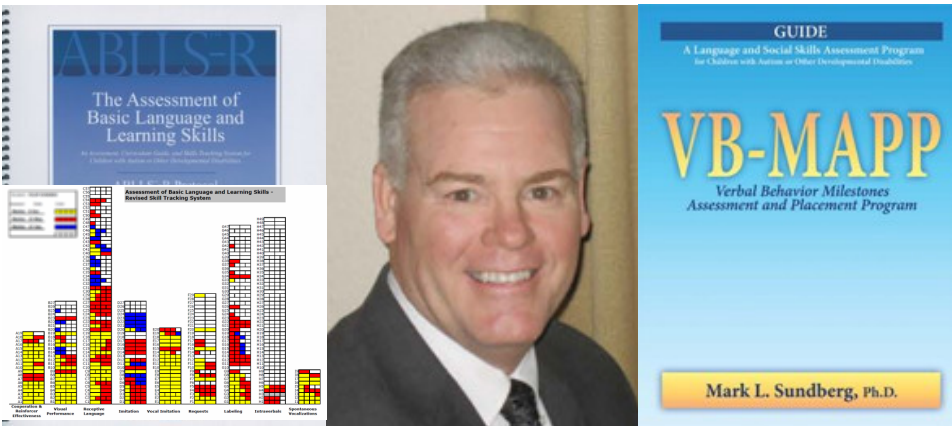


# Rowan Reinforcement Record

Center for Behavioral Analysis Newsletter

## Rowan's 2nd Annual Conference on Autism

On March 11th, Rowan hosted the 2nd Annual Conference on Autism. This year, the conference was held at the Holiday Inn Select in Bridgeport, NJ. The keynote speaker was renowned behavior analyst Dr. Mark Sundberg. Dr. Sundberg is the co-author of the books *Teaching Language to Children with Autism or Other Developmental Disabilities*, *The Assessment of Basic Language and Learning Skills: The ABLLS*, and *A Collection of Reprints on Verbal Behavior*. He is the founder and past editor of the journal *The Analysis of Verbal Behavior*, and author of the *The Verbal Behavior Milestones Assessment and Placement Program: The VB-MAPP*. In addition to Dr. Sundberg's workshops, five additional workshops on topics related to education, behavior analysis, and autism were available. The Center for Behavior Analysis provided BACB® continuing education credits for the workshops on the behavior analytic track of the conference. As a follow up to Dr. Sundberg's presentation, the Psychology Department at Rowan is offering a special topics graduate course in Summer 2011 on Verbal Behavior and the VB-MAPP designed specifically for teachers.



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### Spring/Summer 2011 Calendar at a Glance

March 11	Rowan Conference on Autism
March 28	Registration Fall 2010 Opens
March 28	Oral Exams Begin
April	Autism Awareness Month
April 11	ABA Club Event with SAIL
April 18	Recognition Event & Reception
April 20	Psychology Research Conference
May 3-7	Finals Week
May 12	Graduate Commencement
May 13	Undergraduate Commencement
May 21	Autism Speaks Walk—South Jersey
May 27-31	Association for Behavior Analysis International Conference in Denver
May 23	1st 5 week summer session begins
June 27	2nd 5 week summer session begins
July 15	NJABA 1-day Summer Conference at Rowan



## SAVE THE DATE!

**2nd Annual Recognition Event**  
**Monday, April 25, 2011; 7:15—8:30 pm**  
**Eynon Ballroom, Student Center**



Please join us for an end of the year reception and recognition ceremony for students, faculty, and field supervisors of Rowan's ABA programs. Please come help us honor our graduates and help us celebrate another year of success!

# Graduate Student Corner

## GRADUATE COURSES Summer 2011

MA (reqd) & COGS ASD	Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorders (CRN 30487) Kuder	June 27- July 28	MW 4:30-8:30p
MA (Required)	Psychopathology of Children and Adolescents (CRN 30418) Dihoff	May 23- June 23	TR 5:00-9:15p
MA (Required)	Research Project in Applied Behavior Analysis (CRN 30420) Soreth (CRN 30432) Kerwin	May 23- June 23	MW 5:00-9:15p
MA (Required)	Special Topics in ABA: (CRN 30678) Soreth	June 27- July 28	TR 5:00-9:15p

## GRADUATE COURSES Fall 2011

MA & CAG ABA	Basic Principles of Behavior CRN 41976 Soreth	T 4:45-7:15
MA & CAG ABA	Behavioral Assessment & Functional Analysis CRN 42867 Wilson	W 4:45-7:15
MA & CAG ABA	Practicum in ABA I CRN 41832 Cohen	M 7:25-9:55
MA (reqd) & COG ASD	Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorders CRN 42070 Staff	R 4:45-7:15
MA (reqd) & COG ASD	Assessment & Interventions for Social Skills CRN 42866 Glasberg-Katz	W 7:25-9:55
MA (Reqred)	Special Topics in Behavior Analysis CRN 42368 Barnard	M 4:45-7:15
COG ASD	Communication Skills for Students with Disabilities CRN 42208 Kuder	M 4:45-7:15

## Registration Dates

**Summer 2011: February 28—March 11**

**Fall 2011: March 28— June 30**

## Revised Procedures: Oral Exam

As our programs grow, we continue to improve our procedures. Starting Spring 2011, the procedures for the oral exam have changed.

**Who?** Students graduating that semester from MA and CAGS in ABA Program.

**What?** The exam is mapped from the **BACB** Task List upon which the curriculum is based. Some questions are written and some oral.

**When?** Three times a year (spring, summer, & fall) corresponding to the semester of graduation.

**How?** The faculty will provide a review session at least 4 weeks prior to the scheduled exam. When students arrive for the exam, they will be given 19 short answer, written questions and 5 scenarios. Students have 75 minutes to complete the written questions and to prepare for the oral examination. The oral examination is 30 minutes. In the oral exam, you will be asked 10 questions and be asked for your formulation for the 5 scenarios. Passing is considered 75 out of 100 points. If you do not pass the first time, you will be given specific feedback about your performance and areas that you need to improve. You will be asked to meet individually with Drs, Kerwin & Soreth and you will be scheduled for a second exam.

# Graduate Student Corner

## Changes in MA & CAGS in ABA Effective Summer 2011

The Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) recently proposed required changes to the coursework for the BCBA certification by adding 45 classroom hours of coursework (one 3 credit hour course) in Ethics and Professional Conduct. As a result, we are changing the structure of the MA & CAGS in ABA. Students under the old program model will have until December 2013 to complete the programs under the current model approved by the BACB. The BACB will begin testing using the new 4th Edition Task List with the first examination administration of 2015, and will discontinue testing on the 3rd Edition Task List content with the last examination administration of 2014.

### CAGS in ABA Changes (15 to 18 credits)

#### I. Fundamental Behavioral Analytic Knowledge and Skill (9 credits)

PSY02.500 Basic Principles of Behavior (3 credits)  
PSY02.610 Applied Behavior Analysis (3 credits)  
PSY02.620 Behavioral Assessment & Functional Analysis (3)

#### II. Research (3 credits)

PSY 02.510 Research Methods in Applied Behavior Analysis (3 credits)

#### III. Advanced Applied Behavior Analysis (6 credits)

PSY 02.670 Ethics in ABA (3 credits)  
PSY 02.680 Advanced Practice in ABA (3 credits)

### MA in ABA Changes (36 credits)

#### I. Fundamental Behavioral Analytic Knowledge and Skill (9 credits)

PSY02.500 Basic Principles of Behavior (3 credits)  
PSY02.610 Applied Behavior Analysis (3 credits)  
PSY02.620 Behavioral Assessment & Functional Analysis

#### II. Research (6 credits)

PSY 02.510 Research Methods in Applied Behavior Analysis (3 credits)  
PSY 02.660 Research Project in ABA (3 credits)

#### III. Advanced Applied Behavior Analysis (12 credits)

PSY 02.520 Assessment and Interventions for Social Skills and Relationships in Children (3 credits)  
PSY 02.661 Special Topics in ABA (3 credits)  
PSY 02.670 Ethics in ABA (3 credits)  
PSY 02.680 Advanced Practice in ABA (3 credits)

#### IV. Understanding Populations & Contexts (6 credits)

PSY 03.624 Psychopathology of Childhood and Adolescence (3 credits)  
SELN 10.590 Introduction to Autism (3 credits) OR PSY 02.661 Special Topics in ABA [Decision is made with academic advisor based on the student's experience].

#### V. Experience (3 credits)

PSY 01.660 Practicum in Applied Behavior Analysis I (3 credits)

### Congratulations!!!

Congratulations to the following students who are presenting their research at ABAI conference in Denver: Stephanie Jaggard, Angela Stewart, Carla Benson, Alexander Ward, and Tara Frederick.

**If you are planning to take Practicum in ABA in the Fall 2011, remember to complete the application.**

# Undergraduate Advising

UNDERGRADUATE & POST-BAC COURSES		
Summer 2011		
Learning & Behavior Soreth CRN 30681	June 27- July 28	TR 12:00- 4:00pm
UNDERGRADUATE & POST-BAC COURSES		
Fall 2011		
Learning & Behavior PSY 02.310 CRN 41971 Soreth	TR 3:15-4:30	
Behavioral Assessment & Measurement PSY 01.316 CRN 40480 ffSta	W 4:45-7:15	
Applied Behavior Analysis PSY 02.305 CRN 42865 Wilson	T 4:45-7:15	
Field Experience PSY 01422-3 CRN TBD Soreth	R 4:45-7:15	

## Field Experience Fall 2011

If you are an undergraduate student in the Specialization in Behavioral Services interested in **Field Experience** for Fall 2011 and have not already applied for this course, please contact Dr. Soreth as soon as possible to obtain the application at [soreth@rowan.edu](mailto:soreth@rowan.edu). All applications are due no later than Friday April 1, 2011.

## Registration Dates Summer 2011

Early registration.....February 28 - March 13  
 Extended registration.....March 14 - May 24  
 (continues through first two days of each session)

## Fall 2011

Seniors (90+ credits).....March 28  
 Juniors (58+ credits).....April 4  
 Sophomores (24+ credits).....April 11  
 Freshman (Under 24 credits).....April 18

## Changes to the Specialization & Post-Bac Programs Effective Fall 2011

The Behavior Analyst Certification Board® (BACB) recently proposed required changes to the coursework for the BCaBA certification by adding 45 classroom hours of coursework (one 3 credit hour course) in Ethics and Professional Conduct. As a result, we are changing the structure of the Specialization and Post-Baccalaureate Certificate programs to comply with the board's requirements for certification.

**Specialization:** Students graduating after May 2012 will no longer be required to take the Field Experience course (you may choose to take it as a free elective course) and will instead be required to take a new course entitled "Professional Issues in ABA." Students graduating in May 2012 must complete either the Field Experience course OR the Professional Issues course in order to graduate.

**Post-Bac:** For all Post-Bac students a new course, "Professional Issues in ABA" will now be required to complete the program. This change increases the program from 9 to 12 required credits (3 to 4 courses).

Students under the old program model will have until December 2013 to complete the programs under the current model approved by the BACB. The BACB will begin testing using the new 4th Edition Task List with the first examination administration of 2015, and will discontinue testing on the 3rd Edition Task List content with the last examination administration of 2014.



# The Applied Behavior Analysis Club Page

## ABA Club Update

The Applied Behavior Analysis Club is a newly chartered club under the Student Government Association (SGA). SGA membership is a way for the students to voice their ideas and opinions as well as to communicate on campus with other students and administrators. The SGA also promotes leadership by providing and creating opportunities for students in SGA organizations to develop and use their leadership and organizational skills.

The **purpose** of the Applied Behavior Analysis Club is to give Rowan University undergraduate students information about the field of ABA through presentations, guest speakers, and hands-on service projects. The club seeks to serve the community by giving back and allowing anyone interested in the field a chance to learn more about what ABA can offer. Affiliations include, but are not limited to, The Rowan University Psychology Department, The Center for Behavior Analysis, Supports to Achieve Independent Living (SAIL), and Autism Speaks.

Over the past academic year, the ABA club has grown in membership and its members have planned awareness events for the year ahead. Our most exciting news is that we have recently partnered up with the **Supports to Achieve Independent Living (SAIL)** program sponsored by the Samost Jewish Family and Children's Service of Southern New Jersey, an affiliate of the Jewish Community Center in Cherry Hill.

The goal of the SAIL program is to develop services that support individuals and their families so that they can achieve their highest potential and lead more independent lives as contributing members of society. SAIL currently offers programming to 35 young adults. The ABA Club will be hosting a service event on April 11, 2011 on Rowan's main campus in which the SAIL participants will engage with club members in activities including tie-dying, a scavenger hunt, and other activities designed to facilitate social skills through the interaction with college-aged students.

To join the email list and the club, please contact the ABA Club's secretary Brian Smith at: [smithb74@students.rowan.edu](mailto:smithb74@students.rowan.edu)

## Spring 2011 Events Organized by the ABA Club

The ABA club is enthusiastic about the upcoming events and plans for this semester:

- In February the ABA Club held a successful Valentine's day raffle as a fundraiser for the club.
- Students from the ABA club volunteered and attended Rowan's 2nd Annual Conference on Autism on March 11, 2011.
- Autism Awareness month is April. The ABA club plans to host an event to raise money and awareness for research and advocacy for individuals with autism spectrum disorders.
- The ABA club will host a service event on campus with SAIL (Supports to Achieve Independent Living) on April 11, 2011
- Students in the ABA club are involved with the "Young Profs Exploration" Summer Camp for adolescents with high-functioning Asperger's Syndrome sponsored by the Academic Success Center at Rowan to be held in the Summer of 2011.
- ABA club plans to attend the 10th Annual Southern New Jersey Walk Now for Autism Speaks on May 21, 2011 at Bishop's Gate Corporate Center in Mount Laurel, NJ. Join Team Rowan by registering at [www.WalkNowForAutismSpeaks.org/SouthernNewJersey](http://www.WalkNowForAutismSpeaks.org/SouthernNewJersey)

### Interested in joining the ABA Club?

See the club's Facebook page!

[RowanABA@groups.facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/RowanABA@groups.facebook.com)

Or contact

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**Brian Smith (Secretary)**

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# Calling Exhibitors!

## Exhibitor Information for NJABA Conference on July 15, 2011 at Rowan

Would you like to advertise your company and market your services and products?

Consider becoming an exhibitor for the NJABA Summer Conference to be held at Rowan University on July 15, 2011.

### Exhibit Space

Rowan's Center for Behavior Analysis is offering exhibit space to both commercial and nonprofit agencies.

A single exhibit space is 100 square feet (10' x 10') and includes one (1) draped 6-ft table with two chairs. Each exhibit space will have a one-line identification sign plus booth number. Additional equipment and services are the responsibility of the exhibiting organization.

### Additional Benefits

- Your organization listed in the NJABA Summer Conference Program Book and on the Rowan Center for Behavior Analysis website.
- Invitation to a special reception to honor our keynote speaker, Dr. Pat Friman.

### Exhibit Space Pricing

Single Exhibit Space (10' x 10')                      \$125

Payment may be made by money order or check made payable to Rowan University Center for Behavior Analysis, c/o MaryLou Kerwin, Ph.D., Robinson Hall, 201 Mullica Hill Rd, Glassboro, NJ 08028.

**Exhibit space will be allocated on a first-come, first served basis so reserve your space now.**

For questions or to apply for space, please contact Lauren Lee at [abacenter@rowan.edu](mailto:abacenter@rowan.edu)

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER



### PATRICK FRIMAN, PH.D., BCBA-D

- Director of the Boys Town Center for Behavioral Health
- Clinical Professor in Pediatrics at the University of Nebraska School of Medicine
- Former Editor of the *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*
- Former President of the *Association for Behavior Analysis International*

### Calling All Volunteers

Are you interested in helping out at the conference by working the registration desk, being responsible for check-in & check-out for continuing education credits and being invited to the reception to honor Pat Friman?

Volunteers will receive complementary admission to the conference.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Lauren Lee at [abacenter@rowan.edu](mailto:abacenter@rowan.edu)