



The Children's Institute of Hong Kong (TCI) teaches the first and only Verified Course Sequence since 2012. TCI is an Approved Coursework Provider from QABA.

What are the requirements to enrol?

For the QASP-S credential, a bachelors degree in *any* subject is all that is required. Bachelors degrees should be from accredited four year colleges or universities in or outside of Hong Kong.

For the QBA credential, a masters degree in education or psychology or related field will be preferred.

No teaching experience is required for either credential although professional experience in education and/or psychology is preferred.

Note: You can enrol in the QASP-S track while working on a masters and *upgrade later to the QBA credential.*

Are the classes offered online?

TCI hosts a hybrid VCS. Traditional face to face courses in a classroom environment and online classes are included. We believe that there are advantages to this teaching format given the subject matter.

When and where are the classes held?

The first four courses in the course sequences are the same for student teachers in both credentials (e.g. BA 801, 802, 803, & 807) BA 801 starts around the beginning of August each year. The first four courses are generally held once per week usually on Tuesdays from 6:00 - 9:00 PM (3 hours). Each of the 4 or 6 courses is about 16 classes (weeks).

How long does it take to complete the program?

Each of the 4 (QASP-S) or 6 (QBA) classes are about 16 weeks each. The total courses are about one to two years (one 16-week class per semester).

Is the program verified by the Association for Behavior Analysis International?

TCI's VCS was Verified by the BACB, Inc. and ABAI. Currently, ABAI is reviewing the Approved Course Sequence under it's new Tiered Model of Education.

Note: You will also need to complete the Supervision Experience and pass the certification exam (offered online in Hong Kong and elsewhere) before you can be considered and certified as a BCaBA/QASP-S or BCBA/QBA

What about the BACB stopping International Exams?

After 31 December 2022 the BACB exams will no longer be available in Hong Kong, however, TCI VCS will continue to meet the requirements for the QABA credentials. QABA exams can be taken online from Hong Kong.

Students will have the option to take the certification exam online through QABA. These exams are offered individually and you can take the exam from your home online within 1-2 business days in most cases.

Does TCI provide Supervision Experience?

Yes. TCI provides the course work *and* supervision experience (for employees) in the certification process as per the Board Certified Behavior Analyst regulations. TCI also provides supervision experience, for a fee. See www.tcihk.org to make a service request.

How much does the program cost?

Tuition is paid electronically through TCI. Fees are listed on the TCI VCs Registration Form via the website and are subject to policies in accordance with TCI, applicable laws within HKSAR. Receipts are given upon payment and proof of payment. Each 16-week class is \$7399 and is paid before the start of each class. There is a \$5000 HKD Registration fee. *These fees are non-refundable.*

Is there a refund policy?

Full refunds may be issued for tuition fees only *before* the attendance of the first class. After the student attends the first class in a given course, no refunds may be issued.

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