



Frequently Asked Questions [FAQ]



The Children's Institute of Hong Kong (TCI) teaches the first and only Verified Course Sequence (VCS) Our VCS is currently approved under the 4th Edition Task List by the Association for Behavior Analysis International.

What are the requirements to enrol?

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

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

Note: You can enrol in the BCaBA or QASP-S track while working on a masters and *upgrade later to the BCBA or 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 (BCaBA/QASP-S) or 6 (BCBA/QBA) classes are about 16 weeks. The total courses are about two years (one 16-week class per semester) or two and a half years.

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

Yes, successful completion of the TCI VCS will satisfy the course and hours requirement towards your certification as a Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst or Board Certified Behavior Analyst until 31 December 2021.

Currently and after 31 December 2021 the TCI VCS will continue to meet the requirements for the QABA credentials.

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?

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 website and are subject to policies in accordance with TCI, ABAI and 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 \$999 HKD Registration fee and \$400 HKD transcript fee (required to sit for the exam). *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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