



**College of Education and Human Development  
Division of Special Education and disAbility Research**

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EDSE 623 No1: Applied Behavior Analysis: Assessments and Interventions

CRN: 42205, 3 – Credits

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\*Note: This syllabus may change according to class needs. Teacher Candidates/Students will be advised of any changes immediately through George Mason e-mail and/or through Blackboard.

**Prerequisite(s)** EDSE 619

**Co-requisite(s)** EDSE 619

**Course Description**

Expands on basic content of applied behavior analysis and teaches how to implement behavioral procedures and develop behavioral programs for clients with fundamental behavioral needs.

**Advising Contact Information**

Please make sure that you are being advised on a regular basis as to your status and progress through your program. Mason M.Ed. and Certificate teacher candidates/students should contact the Special Education Advising Office at (703) 993-3670 for assistance. All other teacher candidates/students should refer to their faculty advisor.

**Advising Tip**

Did you know that Mason email is the primary method of communication used by university offices including those arranging internships, reviewing records for graduation, etc.? Check your Mason email regularly or use the instructions at <http://masonlive2.gmu.edu/tutorials/forwardemail.cfm> to forward to an email account you check frequently.

## **Course Delivery Method**

Learning activities include the following:

1. Class lecture and discussion
2. Application activities
3. Small group activities and assignments
4. Video and other media supports
5. Research and presentation activities
6. Electronic supplements and activities via Blackboard

This course will be delivered online (76% or more) using an asynchronous format {with scheduled synchronous discussion via Blackboard Learning Management system (LMS) housed in the MyMason portal. You will log in to the Blackboard (Bb) course site using your Mason email name (everything before @masonlive.gmu.edu) and email password. The course site will be available on or before May 20, 2017.

**Under no circumstances, may candidates/students participate in online class sessions (either by phone or Internet) while operating motor vehicles. Further, as expected in a face-to-face class meeting, such online participation requires undivided attention to course content and communication.**

### *Technical Requirements*

To participate in this course, students will need to satisfy the following technical requirements:

- High-speed Internet access with a standard up-to-date browser, either Internet Explorer or Mozilla Firefox is required (note: Opera and Safari are not compatible with Blackboard).
- Students must maintain consistent and reliable access to their GMU email and Blackboard, as these are the official methods of communication for this course.
- Students will need a headset microphone for use with the Blackboard Collaborate web conferencing tool.
- Students may be asked to create logins and passwords on supplemental websites and/or to download trial software to their computer or tablet as part of course requirements.
- The following software plug-ins for PCs and Macs, respectively, are available for free download:
  - Adobe Acrobat Reader: <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>
  - Windows Media Player: <https://windows.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/downloads/windows-media-player/>
  - Apple Quick Time Player: [www.apple.com/quicktime/download/](http://www.apple.com/quicktime/download/)

### *Expectations*

### Course Week:

Because asynchronous courses do not have a “fixed” meeting day, our week will start on Monday and finish on Sunday.

Our course week will begin on the day that our synchronous meetings take place as indicated on the Schedule of Classes.

### Log-in Frequency:

Students must actively check the course Blackboard site and their GMU email for communications from the instructor, class discussions, and/or access to course materials at least 2 times per week. In addition, students must log-in for all scheduled online synchronous meetings.

### Participation:

Students are expected to actively engage in all course activities throughout the semester, which includes viewing all course materials, completing course activities and assignments, and participating in course discussions and group interactions.

### Technical Competence:

Students are expected to demonstrate competence in the use of all course technology. Students who are struggling with technical components of the course are expected to seek assistance from the instructor and/or College or University technical services.

### Technical Issues:

Students should anticipate some technical difficulties during the semester and should, therefore, budget their time accordingly. Late work will not be accepted based on individual technical issues.

### Workload:

Please be aware that this course is **not** self-paced. Students are expected to meet *specific deadlines* and *due dates* listed in the **Class Schedule** section of this syllabus. It is the student’s responsibility to keep track of the weekly course schedule of topics, readings, activities and assignments due.

### Instructor Support:

Students may schedule a one-on-one meeting to discuss course requirements, content or other course-related issues. Those unable to come to a Mason campus can meet with the instructor via telephone or web conference. Students should email the instructor to schedule a one-on-one session, including their preferred meeting method and suggested dates/times.

### Netiquette:

The course environment is a collaborative space. Experience shows that even an innocent remark typed in the online environment can be misconstrued. Students must always re-read their responses carefully before posting them, so as others do not consider them as personal offenses. *Be positive in your approach with others and diplomatic in selecting your words.* Remember that you are not competing with classmates, but sharing information and learning from others. All faculty are similarly expected to be respectful in all communications.

### Accommodations:

Online learners who require effective accommodations to insure accessibility must be registered with George Mason University Disability Services.

## **Learner Outcomes**

Upon completion of this course, teacher candidates/students will be able to:

1. Describe and identify ethical standards regarding behavior analytic assessment, instruction, and intervention.
2. Describe the rationale for conducting a functional analysis and a functional assessment.
3. Describe, identify, and demonstrate procedures for conducting a functional assessment.
4. Describe and identify procedures for conducting a functional analysis.
5. Interpret functional assessment and functional analysis data.
6. Select and develop function-relevant instructional and intervention procedures on the basis of functional assessments or functional analyses.
7. Write well-composed, parsimonious instructions for implementers of behavior analytic instructional and intervention procedures.
8. Describe and develop procedures for competency based training of others who will implement behavior analytic instructional and intervention procedures.
9. Incorporate interobserver agreement, procedural fidelity, and implementer behavior management procedures into written behavior analytic instructional and intervention procedures.
10. Describe conditions relevant to development and success of behavior analytic instruction, training sessions, workshops, seminars, and staff management.

## **Course Relationship to Program Goals and Professional Organizations**

This course is part of the George Mason University, Graduate School of Education (GSE), Special Education Program for Applied Behavior Analysis Graduate Certificate. The content of the courses in this program is derived from the Task List published by the national Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) as well as the Professional and Ethical Compliance Code for Behavior Analysts. The Professional and Ethical Compliance Code for Behavior Analysts is listed on the following website: <http://bacb.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/160321-compliance-code-english.pdf>. For more information on the Board and the examination, please visit the Board's website at [www.bacb.com](http://www.bacb.com).

## **Required Textbooks**

Cooper, J.O., Heron, T.E., & Heward, W.L. (2007). *Applied behavior analysis*. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson-Merrill-Prentice Hall. ISBN: 0-13-142113-1

Sidman, M. (2001). *Coercion and its fallout*. Boston, MA: Authors Cooperative. ISBN 1-888-83001-8

## **Recommended Textbooks**

American Psychological Association. (2010). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (6th ed.). Washington, DC: Author.

## **Required Resources**

Download from the Behavior Analyst Certification Board's website ([www.bacb.com](http://www.bacb.com)):

[BCBA/BCaBA Task List Fourth Edition](#)

[BACB Professional and Ethical Compliance Code for Behavior Analysts](#)

## **Additional Readings**

A list of additional readings is found in the Appendix at the end of the syllabus.

## **Course Performance Evaluation**

Students are expected to submit all assignments on time in the manner outlined by the instructor (e.g., Blackboard, Tk20, hard copy).

### **Tk20 Performance-Based Assessment Submission Requirement**

It is critical for the special education program to collect data on how our students are meeting accreditation standards. Every teacher candidate/student registered for an EDSE course with a required Performance-based Assessment (PBA) is required to upload the PBA to Tk20 (regardless of whether a course is an elective, a one-time course or part of an undergraduate minor). A PBA is a specific assignment, presentation, or project that best demonstrates one or more CEC, InTASC or other standard connected to the course. A PBA is evaluated in two ways. The first is for a grade, based on the instructor's grading rubric. The second is for program accreditation purposes. Your instructor will provide directions as to how to upload the PBA to Tk20.

For EDSE 623, the required PBA is Functional Relevant Treatment and Instruction Project. Failure to submit the assignment to Tk20 will result in reporting the course grade as Incomplete (IN). Teacher candidates/students have until five days prior to the University-stated grade change deadline to upload the required PBA in order to change the course grade. When the PBA is uploaded, the teacher candidate/student is required to notify the instructor so that the "IN" can be changed to a grade. If the required PBA is not uploaded five days prior to the University-stated grade change deadline and, therefore, the grade not changed, it will become an F. Please check to verify your ability to upload items to Tk20 before the PBA due date.

## **Assignments and/or Examinations**

### **Performance-based Assessment (Tk20 submission required)**

#### **FINAL PROJECT: Function Relevant Treatment and Instruction**

**Project.** You will be provided with the text of a completed functional assessment, which will include an operational definition of the behavior targeted for reduction, a completed FAI, ABC data collection records, and a scatterplot. You will need to:

1. Complete the Competing Behavior Model as described by O'Neill et al. (1997), (up to 3 points)
2. Identify and write an operational definition for the competing behavior (e.g., the replacement behavior or alternative behavior) you will teach; (up to 1 point)
3. determine the normative rate for the competing behavior you've selected; (up to 2 points)
4. determine the normative rate for the problem behavior; (up to 2 points)

5. write a behavioral objective for the terminal state of the competing behavior; (up to 2 points)
6. write a behavioral objective for the terminal state of the problem behavior; (up to 2 points)
7. name the contingencies currently maintaining the problem behavior; (up to 1 point)
8. compose step-by-step instructions telling the reader how to make environmental modifications to decrease probability of the problem behavior (up to 3 points)
9. compose step-by-step instructions telling the reader how to make environmental modifications that will increase the probability that the competing behavior will be evoked; (up to 3 points)
10. compose step by step instructions telling the reader how to teach or accelerate the competing behavior; (up to 3 points)
11. compose step-by-step reactive procedures to enact should the problem behavior happen; and (up to 3 points)
12. compose step-by-step practical procedures to implement should the problem behavior occur under unfavorable conditions. (up to 3 points)

**Up to 30 points (with the last two points being for correct spelling and punctuation (1 point) and for correct grammar (1 point)). Must be submitted through TK20 by the date and time listed in the schedule (below).**

**College Wide Common Assessment (Tk20 submission required)**

None

**Performance-based Common Assignments (No Tk20 submission required.)**

**Blackboard Discussion Board Forums.** For weeks indicated below, read the assigned chapters from the Sidman (2001) text. Then, go to the week's discussion board items. For each item, respond by answering the question(s) posed by the instructor. Then, **on another day on or before the due date**, respond again, but this time to a classmate's post. You will earn 1 point for responding to the instructor's question (1/2 point for posting after the due date), and 1 point for responding to a classmate's post on a second date (1/2 point for responding late).

**Other Assignments/Fieldwork Experience**

Each of these assignments is due on or before the dates listed in the schedule. Each must be submitted by upload to Blackboard.

**INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS**

***Individual Project 1: First Session Form.*** Some sample first session materials will be available on Blackboard. Additionally, you should download the 4<sup>th</sup> Edition of the BACB's Task List and the 2015 BACB Professional and

Ethical Compliance Code for Behavior Analysts. Next, you are to imagine you have your own educational or behavior analysis consulting or treatment firm. Based on these materials and class discussion, you will develop and submit a first session form that will address each of the following:

1. Your credentials
2. The scope of services you offer and limitations on those services
3. Your fees and payment arrangements
4. Confidentiality, and limits to confidentiality
5. Parent/caregiver expectations
6. Mechanism for complaints
7. Termination criteria and procedures

This document must be typed and uploaded to Blackboard. You will receive up to 2 points per component for adequately addressing each of these (based on the BACB's documents), up to four points for composition (one each for correct spelling, grammar, punctuation, and sentence structure), and one point for turning your assignment in on time. (20 points possible)

***Individual Project 2: Interview interpretation.*** Four interview documents will be posted on Blackboard. You will read each, and then identify possible MO, SD, and Maintaining (or Inhibiting) consequence factors for each (1 point for correctly identifying one or more possible MOs, SDs, and consequences for each interview – 3 points per interview x 4 interviews – 12 points). Upload this with correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation for up to 3 additional points (15 points possible)

***Individual Project 3: ABC Data Collection and Interpretation/Scatterplot Construction and Interpretation.*** You will be provided with an internet link to a video you will watch. You will also be provided with a behavioral definition for a behavior on which you will record ABC data. You will next interpret the ABC data, such that you identify potentially active MOs, evocative SDs, and maintaining consequences (5 points for correct data collection, 5 points for correct interpretation). Next, you will be provided with some ABC data, which you will interpret as above (5 points) and which you will convert to a scatterplot (5 points). From your scatterplot, you will identify temporal patterns of occurrence and nonoccurrence for the behavior, and list three questions raised by the scatterplot for which you would need additional information or data (5 points). (Total 25 points possible)

***Individual Project 4: Functional Analysis Checklist Interpretations.*** You will be provided with five completed protocols. For each, you must score the protocol, plot the data, and then name the types of potentially maintaining contingencies (e.g., positive reinforcement by contingent attention, positive reinforcement by contingent access, etc.) in rank order from most strongly to least strongly suggested by the checklist data. One point for correctly scoring, one for correctly plotting, and one for correctly identifying and rank ordering the contingencies. (15 points possible).

***Individual Project 5: Analogue Functional Analysis Outcome Interpretation Project.*** You will be provided with five graphs depicting

outcomes or analogue functional analyses. For each, you will follow the procedure described by Hagopian et al. (1997), and will determine the type(s) of contingencies that have been demonstrated to be maintaining the behaviors. Up to 10 points (one point per analysis for correctly following the guidelines put forth by Hagopian et al. (1997), and one point for correctly identifying maintaining contingencies). (10 points possible)

***Individual Project 6. Normative Rate Studies.*** You will be provided with an internet link for a video, and an operational definition for a behavior to watch. Read the definition. Watch the behavior. Get count data on the behavior. Next, conduct a normative rate study for that behavior. What you will submit is a document that includes the count you obtained from watching the video, a step by step technological description of how you conducted your normative rate study, the outcome of your normative rate study, and then a statement indicating whether the behavior of the person on the video is within the normative rate, exceeds the normative rate, or is lower than the normative rate. (10 points possible)

***Individual Project 7: Selecting Interventions.*** You will be provided with data from three completed functional assessments and with a Competing Behavior Model template. For each of the assessments you will complete the competing behavior model (based solely on the information contained in the assessments – up to 5 points per completed competing behavior model worksheet). Based on the competing behavior models you've completed, you'll select one consequence based intervention, one MO based intervention, and one immediate antecedent based intervention to decrease the identified problem behaviors (1 point each – up to 3 per data set), and will describe how each intervention selected relates to the content of the competing behavior model (up to 1 point per intervention and 1 additional point per intervention for correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation). (20 points possible)

### **GROUP PROJECTS.**

These assignments will be worked on during our synchronous discussions on the dates listed in the schedule (below). Specific instructions for each of these projects will be provided in class and in writing in the corresponding class sessions' blackboard folders. Group Projects 1 – 4 involve writing instructions for specific procedures and you will receive guidance. Possible point values associated with these are listed in the Grading Scale table.

### **Autism Internet Module Assignment.**

You will be directed to visit the Autism Internet Module, create a free account, and complete two modules. You will upload your completion reports to Blackboard by the date provided, each up to 20 points (10 points per module)

### **Extra Credit – Behavior Development Solutions.**

You may earn 10 points per module completed (upload completion report to Blackboard no later than August 12, 2017) for these BDS modules:  
Behavior Change Procedures



## Selective Intervention Outcomes and Strategies

A subscription to the BDS BCBA Exam Study Modules can be purchased at:  
<http://www.behaviordevelopmentsolutions.com>

### **Extra Credit – Autism Internet Modules.**

Complete up to four additional AIM modules from the list provided by your instructor. Upload your completion reports to Blackboard no later than June 19, 2017. You will receive 5 points for each module completed.

## **Course Policies and Expectations**

### **Attendance/Participation**

You are expected to arrive on time for all synchronous discussion sessions, attend all synchronous discussion sessions, remain in the discussion for the duration of each synchronous discussion session, and to participate actively throughout the session. Should you need to be absent, please contact a classmate regarding notes and other activities that took place in your absence.

### **Late Work**

All work is due on the dates listed in the schedule below. All written work must be uploaded through Blackboard. Work that is submitted after the due date, or that is not submitted by upload through Blackboard, will be assessed a 10% possible point penalty. Discussion Board Posts must be made during the week for which they were assigned. Late posts will be assessed a 50% penalty.

## **Grading Scale**

| Description             | Instances | Pts. Ea. | Total Pts. | Cumulative Pts. |
|-------------------------|-----------|----------|------------|-----------------|
| Discussion Board Items  | 20        | 2        | 40         | 40              |
| Individual Project 1    | 1         | 2        | 20         | 60              |
| Individual Project 2    | 1         | 1        | 15         | 75              |
| Individual Project 3    | 1         | 2        | 25         | 100             |
| Individual Project 4    | 1         | 1        | 15         | 115             |
| Individual Project 5    | 1         | 1        | 10         | 125             |
| Individual Project 6    | 1         | 1        | 10         | 135             |
| Individual Project 7    | 1         | 2        | 20         | 155             |
| Final Project           | 1         | 3        | 30         | 185             |
| Group Project 1         | 1         | 1        | 15         | 200             |
| Group Project 2         | 1         | 2        | 20         | 220             |
| Group Project 3         | 1         | 1        | 15         | 235             |
| Group Project 4         | 1         | 2        | 20         | 255             |
| Autism Internet Modules | 1         | 2        | 20         | 275             |

| Grade by Points |               |               |               |           |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|
| A               | A-            | B             | C             | F         |
| 262 – 275 pts   | 247 – 261 pts | 219 – 248 pts | 191 – 218 pts | < 191 pts |

\*Note: The George Mason University Honor Code will be strictly enforced. Students are responsible for reading and understanding the Code. “To promote a stronger sense of mutual responsibility, respect, trust, and fairness among all members of the George Mason University community and with the desire for greater academic and personal achievement, we, the student members of the university community, have set forth this honor code: Student members of the George Mason University community pledge not to cheat, plagiarize, steal, or lie in matters related to academic work.” Work submitted must be your own or with proper citations (see <http://oai.gmu.edu/the-mason-honor-code/>).

**Professional Dispositions**

Students are expected to exhibit professional behaviors and dispositions at all times.

## Class Schedule

\*Note: Faculty reserves the right to alter the schedule as necessary, with notification to students.

| Class Date | Read <u>Before</u> Class  | Assignments Due by Class Date                           | Weekly Topics   |
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| May 22     | No Reading<br>Beginning to work.  |   | Review syllabus<br>Participate in Discussion  |
| May 25     | Synchronous Discussion 1: 10:00 – 11:00 am or 6:00-7:00pm , US Eastern Time, Blackboard Collaborate<br><br>Meet and Greet, Questions and Answers! Assign Groups |   |   |
| May 29     | Sidman, Ch 1<br>Love et al. (2009), Niedert et al. (2010), Pelios et al. (1999)   | Respond to DBI 1 and 2                                  | Overview of Assessment, Treatment, and Instruction  |
| June 5     | Sidman Ch. 2<br><br>Pyles et al. (1997)   | Respond to DBI 3 and 4<br><br>Individual Project 1 due  | Initial Interview /<br>Identifying Appropriate Scope<br>Participate in Discussion                               |
| June 8     | Synch Disc 2: 10:00 – 11:00 am or 6:00-7:00 pm, US Eastern Time, Blackboard Collaborate<br><br>Discussion and Groups Meet                                       |   |   |
| June 12    | Sidman Ch. 3 and 4, Bijou et al. (1968), Bosma & Mulick (1990), Hoch (2007), Kahng et al. (1998), and Lerman et al. (2009)                                      | Respond to DBI 5 and 6<br><br>Individual Project 2 Due  | Baseline and functional assessment data – ABC data, Interval Sampling, Scatterplots, and Graphing; Sharing data |
| June 19    | Sidman Ch. 5<br><br>Rojahn et al. (2007) pp. 26 – 39, Singh et al. (2006)   | Respond to DBI 7 and 8<br><br>Individual Project 3 Due  | More Functional Assessment Interviewing / Checklists / Practice Administering and Interpreting checklist /      |
| June 26    | Sidman Ch. 6 and 7, Hagopian et al. (1997); Iwata et al. (1994); Rojahn et al. (2007), pp. 4 – 25   | Respond to DBI 9 and 10<br><br>Individual Project 4 Due | Analogue functional analysis / Practice Interpreting Analogue Functional Analysis Data                          |

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| July 3   | Sidman Ch. 8 - 10;<br>Berg et al.<br>(2000); Derby et al. (1992);<br>Falcomata et al. (2010); Goh<br>et al. (1995); LaRue et al<br>(2010); O'Reilly et al.<br>(1996); Asmus et al. (2002),<br>Lang et al. (2010), Peterson<br>et al. (2002), Tarbox et al.<br>(2009) | Respond to DBI 11 and 12                                 | More Analogue<br>Functional Analysis and<br>Other Systematic<br>Manipulations<br>Functional Assessment<br>and Analysis in Schools |
| July 10  | Sidman Ch. 11; Hoch et al.<br>(1996), Paclawskyj & Vollmer<br>1995), Schanding et al. (2009),<br>Wilder et al. (2008), Zarcone<br>et al. 1999  | Respond to DBI 13 and 14<br><br>Individual Project 5 Due | Reinforcer Assessment<br><br>Participate in Discussion  |
| July 13  | Synch Disc 3: 10:00 – 11:00 am or 6:00-7:00 am, US Eastern Time,<br>Blackboard Collaborate<br><br>Discussions and Groups Meet  |  |   |
| July 17  | Sidman Ch 12, 13, 14<br>O'Neill et al. (1997), pp. 65 –<br>98; Northup et al. (1991)   | Respond to DBI 15 and 16<br>AIM Assignment Due           | Going from Assessment to<br>Intervention / Competing<br>Behavior Model /<br>Normative Rate Studies                                |
| July 24  | Sidman Ch. 15, 16;<br>Parsons & Reid (1995); Shore<br>et al. (1995); Johnson et al.<br>(2007), Matson et al. (2009),<br>Najdowski et al. (2010), Neef<br>(1995)  | Respond to DBI 17 and 18<br><br>Individual Project 6 Due | Parent and Staff Training<br>More Guidelines on Writing<br>Procedures<br><br>Participate in Discussion                            |
| July 27  | Synch Disc 4: 10:00 – 11:00 am or 6:00-7:00 am, US Eastern Time,<br>Blackboard Collaborate<br><br>Discussions and Groups Meet  |  |   |
| July 31  | Sidman Ch. 17  | Respond to DBI 19 and 20<br><br>Individual Project 7 Due | Termination<br><br>Participate in Discussion  |
| August 3 | Synch Disc 5: 10:00 – 11:00 am or 6:00-7:00 am, US Eastern Time,<br>Blackboard Collaborate<br><br>Discussions and Groups Meet  |  |   |

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| August 7 | <p>FINAL PROJECT due through Tk20 no later than 11:59 pm on August 12, 2017</p> <p>All other work due no later than 11:59 pm on August 12, 2017 through Blackboard.</p> |
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### **Core Values Commitment**

The College of Education and Human Development is committed to collaboration, ethical leadership, innovation, research-based practice, and social justice. Students are expected to adhere to these principles: <http://cehd.gmu.edu/values/>

### **GMU Policies and Resources for Students**

#### **Policies**

- Students must adhere to the guidelines of the Mason Honor Code (see <http://oai.gmu.edu/the-mason-honor-code/>).
- Students must follow the university policy for Responsible Use of Computing (see <http://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/policies/responsible-use-of-computing/>).
- Students are responsible for the content of university communications sent to their Mason email account and are required to activate their account and check it regularly. All communication from the university, college, school, and program will be sent to students **solely** through their Mason email account.
- Students with disabilities who seek accommodations in a course must be registered with George Mason University Disability Services. Approved accommodations will begin at the time the written letter from Disability Services is received by the instructor (see <http://ods.gmu.edu/>).
- Students must follow the university policy stating that all sound emitting devices shall be silenced during class unless otherwise authorized by the instructor.

#### **Campus Resources**

- Support for submission of assignments to Tk20 should be directed to [tk2ohelp@gmu.edu](mailto:tk2ohelp@gmu.edu) or <https://cehd.gmu.edu/aero/tk20>. Questions or concerns regarding use of Blackboard should be directed to <http://coursesupport.gmu.edu/>.
- The Writing Center staff provides a variety of resources and services (e.g., tutoring, workshops, writing guides, handbooks) intended to support students as they work to construct and share knowledge through writing (see <http://writingcenter.gmu.edu/>).
- The Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) staff consists of professional counseling and clinical psychologists, social workers, and counselors who offer a wide range of services (e.g., individual and group counseling, workshops and outreach

programs) to enhance students' personal experience and academic performance (see <http://caps.gmu.edu/>.) to enhance students' personal experience and academic performance (see <http://caps.gmu.edu/>).

- The Student Support & Advocacy Center staff helps students develop and maintain healthy lifestyles through confidential one-on-one support as well as through interactive programs and resources. Some of the topics they address are healthy relationships, stress management, nutrition, sexual assault, drug and alcohol use, and sexual health (see <http://ssac.gmu.edu/>). Students in need of these services may contact the office by phone at 703-993-3686. Concerned students, faculty and staff may also make a referral to express concern for the safety or well-being of a Mason student or the community by going to <http://ssac.gmu.edu/make-a-referral/>.

For additional information on the College of Education and Human Development, please visit our website <https://cehd.gmu.edu/>.

### **Assessment Rubric(s)**

Posted on Blackboard

## Appendix

**Additional Readings:** You may find the following articles one of two ways. First, if the article is published in the *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*, you may go right to that journal's website (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/journals/309/>), and download the article there. For other articles, please go to the GMU Library website, and locate the article through PsychInfo. (If you need assistance, please consult the GMU Library InfoGuides at <http://infoguides.gmu.edu/>, or please contact a librarian at 703.993.2240). Two of these references are for chapters that your instructor will provide to you.

Asmus, J.M., Vollmer, T.R., & Borrero, J.C. (2002). Functional behavioral assessment: A school-based model. *Education and Treatment of Children*, 25 (1), 67 – 90.

Berg, W.K., Peck, S., Wacker, D.P., Harding, J., McComas, J., Richman, D., & Brown, K. (2000). The effects of pre-session exposure to attention on the results of assessments of attention as a reinforcer. *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*, 33 (4), 463 – 477.

Bijou, S.W., Peterson, R.F., & Ault, M.H. (1968). A method to integrate descriptive and experimental field studies at the level of data and empirical concepts. *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*, 1 (2), 175 – 191.

Blood, E., & Neel, R.S. (2007). From FBA to implementation: A look at what is actually being delivered. *Education and Treatment of Children*, 30 (4), 67 – 80.

Bosma, A., & Mulick, J.A. (1990). Brief report: Ecobehavioral assessment using transparent scatter plots. *Behavioral Residential Treatment*, 5 (2), 167 – 140.

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