

Behavior Analyst Job Description

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Assess the effects of the environment and other external factors on the behavior of individuals
- Proffer corrective remedies and treatment for psychological disorders
- Assess the effects of individual behavior on the environment
- Counsel individuals to identify their problems and causes of irrational behavior
- Monitor and counsel individuals recovering from mental or behavior disorders
- Work in collaboration with medical professionals and family members of mental patients
- Provide guidance and counseling service to students and teachers in college and high institutions
- Assist law enforcement agents in unraveling the root causes of crimes
- Assist law enforcement officers to analyze and interpret criminal behaviors.

Behavior Analyst Requirements – Skills, Knowledge, and Abilities

- **Education and Certification:** A bachelor's degree in psychology will help you get an entry-level position, but not without a professional certification like the Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst (BCaBA). To advance in the field, master's or doctorate degree in behavior analysis and the Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) offered by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) is mandatory
- **Emotional Maturity:** Behavior analysts meet with all manner of persons; especially persons with mental disorders, so, he/she must be able to handle all kinds of people irrespective of their behavior. Mental stability is very important if one is to succeed as a behavior analyst

- Interpersonal skills: A behavior analyst must have strong relations building skills. He/she must have the ability to relate freely with individuals irrespective of their mental status
- Communication and listening skills: To be able to understand the plight of individuals he is counseling, a behavior analyst must be a good listener. He or she must also be able to communicate in a calm and assuring manner if they are to gain the trust of their patients
- Flexibility: He/she must understand that different situations may call for different approaches. So, a behavior analyst ought to be flexible in decision making to be able to handle different situations.