



The Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI) is excited to inform you about an important new development in our field. The **ABAI Executive Council recently voted to establish a new self-governed body known as the Behavior Analysis Accreditation Board (BAAB)** of ABAI.

The BAAB remains under the aegis of ABAI and is the successor to the now-defunct Education Board. The BAAB's accreditation coursework standards are the same as the previous accreditation coursework standards adopted by the ABAI Executive Council. Any programs previously accredited by ABAI are now accredited by the BAAB.

A number of significant updates have been made to the accreditation system with the establishment of the BAAB. Perhaps the largest is that accreditation decisions are no longer made by the ABAI Executive Council. Instead, the BAAB operates as an independent body within ABAI and is charged with making all decisions related to accreditation. This includes decisions about which programs meet, or do not meet, accreditation standards; the policies and procedures that govern the board; and eventually the process to update accreditation standards.

Another significant change to the accreditation system is the introduction of a fee schedule. The BAAB currently receives financial and administrative support from ABAI. However, it is important that the organization be able to sustain its operations independently. The introduction of a fee schedule puts the board on par with similar accrediting organizations in other fields, and the funds will allow the board to pursue its mission.

All of these changes and more are documented on the board's [new website](#). In an effort to further educate our community, the BAAB will be hosting events at the ABAI annual convention in Chicago this year. We invite you to attend and learn more about the accreditation process.

#### **New U.S. Program Accreditation**

Chair: Erick Dubuque  
Sunday, May 29  
6-6:50 pm  
Randolph, Hyatt Regency, Bronze East

Purpose: This is an open meeting by the BAAB to disseminate information to U.S. programs interested in pursuing accreditation. All are welcome.

#### **New Non-U.S. Program Accreditation**

Chair: Erick Dubuque  
Monday, May 30  
7-7:50 am  
Randolph, Hyatt Regency, Bronze East

Purpose: This is an open meeting by the BAAB to disseminate information to non-U.S. programs interested in pursuing accreditation. All are welcome.

We also encourage you to [join our mailing list](#) to stay informed about the latest news, events, and updates from the field's accrediting body.

If you have questions about accreditation please contact the BAAB's Accreditation Administrator, Erick Dubuque, at [edubuque@abainternational.org](mailto:edubuque@abainternational.org).

Sincerely,

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