



# Registered Behaviour Technician Training

St. Lawrence College, Kingston, Ontario

## What is the RBT Training Course?

This online course is offered by St Lawrence College, in Ontario, Canada, and is based on the second edition of the Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) Task List published by the Behavior Analysts Certification Board (BACB).

It is designed to meet the 40-hour training requirement for RBT certification. The course covers the basics of Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) and has relevant Canadian content designed and delivered by SLC Faculty.

## Who can take this course?

The course can be taken by anyone interested in learning more about Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) and those interested in pursuing certification in RBT. The course offers employers and individuals an excellent way to improve the knowledge and skills of participants.

This course is appropriate for educators, parents, students, and front-line professionals who want to improve their ability to teach new skills and support clients experiencing problem behaviours at home, school or in the community.

## What is the Course fee and what does it include?

\$150 plus HST for the full 40-hour course.

The training course has 8 modules, takes 40 hours to complete, and provides activities and quizzes to help you learn the material. Online delivery provides you with the flexibility to complete the material at your own pace and participate in online discussions with your peers and instructors. After each module, there is an online quiz that must be completed with a minimum of 80% accuracy.

## What are the benefits of taking this online course?

It is an excellent way to learn about ABA. It is the first step towards achieving RBT certification, however many participants complete the course to improve their knowledge of ABA and their ability to support individuals in daily activities.



## What is next after I complete the online course?

For some participants, completing the 40-hour training meets their needs. For other participants, the goal is to become a certified RBT. In this case, the next step is to complete a competency assessment and then sit for the exam with the BACB. SLC offers the competency assessment between the months of September and June.

## What is the RBT Certification?

The Registered Behaviour Technician<sup>®</sup> (RBT<sup>®</sup>) is a paraprofessional certification in behaviour analysis.

RBTs assist in delivering behavior analysis services and practice under the direction and close supervision of an RBT Supervisor who is responsible for all work RBTs perform.

## Why pursue RBT?

The following is from the [BACB website in the US](#) retrieved Jan 20, 2022

“Why Should You Become an RBT? There are many benefits to obtaining RBT certification, including:

- It shows that you have met certain requirements that are critical in delivering behavior analysis services.
- It provides increased consumer protection since you must meet certain eligibility (e.g., pass a background check, meet certain knowledge requirements) and maintenance (e.g., receive ongoing supervision, adhere to an ethics code) requirements to obtain and maintain certification.
- It makes it easier for employers, funders, consumers, etc. to verify that you have certain knowledge, skills, and abilities; have appropriate oversight; and are not under disciplinary sanctions.
- It is a widely recognized and respected credential since it is offered by the BACB, the nation’s first organization to certify behavior analysis professionals.”

## How do I pursue the RBT Certification?

First, you must successfully complete the SLC RBT course. Then, you request a Competency Assessment through the Centre for Behavioural Studies (CBS) at SLC. Once successfully completed, you apply to write the RBT exam through the BACB.

**Note:** When you apply to take the exam, you will need to identify a person who will meet your *ongoing supervision requirements after certification*.



You must have a suitable supervisor prior to completing the application.

The BACB RBT credential requires applicants to meet minimum age and education standards (18 years old with a high school diploma), obtain 40 hours of acceptable training, successfully complete a competency assessment, obtain a criminal background check and pass the RBT examination administered by BACB at a Pearson Testing Centre

The [RBT Certification](#) is administered by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board ([BACB](#)) in the USA.

### **What are our fees at St Lawrence College?**

RBT Course only: \$150 plus HST

Competency Assessment only: \$250 plus HST

### **How do I register for the Course, Competency Assessment, or both?**

[Register here.](#)

### **Our Faculty**



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Meaghen holds a Master of Science Degree in Applied Behaviour Analysis from St. Cloud State University, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Queens University. She also completed the Behavioural Technology Program at St. Lawrence College where she received her initial training in the principles and applications of Applied Behaviour Analysis. She has worked with individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder of varying ages in both the public and private sectors, holding various positions such as Instructor Therapist, Senior Therapist, Clinical Supervisor and Consultant. More recently, Meaghen is the Coordinator and Professor in the Autism and Behavioural Science Graduate Certificate Program at St. Lawrence College. Igniting students with a passion for helping others is what she enjoys most. By attending conferences regularly and undertaking special research projects through SLC's Centre for Behavioural Studies, Meaghen demonstrates dedication to providing a high level of training and experiences for her students and the community. Meaghen is a Board Certified Behaviour Analyst.



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Laura Campbell is a professor and coordinator for Years 1 and 2 in the Honours Bachelor of Behavioural Psychology program at St. Lawrence College in Kingston, ON. Laura is a Board Certified Behaviour Analyst (BCBA) and has been teaching at the post-secondary level since 2006, both in-class and online. Laura has been working with clients using the principles of ABA in a wide range of community settings, both publicly and privately, and has worked with multi-disciplinary teams locally, provincially, and internationally since 2000. Laura clinically supervises graduate

students working in the community with a variety of populations who are pursuing certification through the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB).