

UNIQUE NEED TUITION REIMBURSEMENT FORM

Please use this form for requests for tuition beyond the WCEA entitlement as specified in the negotiated contract between the Warren County Education Association and Warren County School District: "Reimbursement of tuition costs shall be paid for approved courses taken for obtaining the twenty-four (24) credits required for permanent certification for teaching, and for an additional twelve (12) credits if the courses are needed to complete a masters degree program."-WCEA and WCSD Negotiations Agreement

Name: Robert Christian Derr Date: March 21, 2006

Assignment/Grade Level: Life Skills Support

School: WAHS Years Service in Warren County School District as Teacher: 1

Please describe the unique need of the Warren County School District that would be met by this request: This is the ABA/Autism Certification Program. I teach autistic students in LSS I know of only one person in the WCSD certified in ABA/Autism. I have already completed two of the five courses in this program as part of my MS program in Special Education.

Certification/Degree that will be earned: BOARD CERTIFIED BEHAVIOR ANALYST

College/University: MERCYHURST COLLEGE

Advisor/Dean's Signature: *Philip J. Bufone* Telephone Number: 814-824-2267

List all courses for which tuition reimbursement is being requested:

Course	Course Number	No. of Credits	Date of Course	Cost of Tuition
Basic Principals of Behavior	EDSP 640	3	Summer '06	\$1250
Extended Application:				
Functional Analysis	EDSP 650	3	Winter '06-'07	\$1250
Advanced Seminar in Behavior Analysis	EDSP 660	3	Summer '07	\$1250

Date that Certification/Degree will be awarded: Summer '07

I agree to all the conditions of tuition reimbursement as stated in the WCEA /Board Agreement or Act 93 /Board Agreement and understand that I have no entitlement to a position transfer by completion of these courses.

Requestor's Signature: *R. Christian Derr* Date: 3/25/06

I have read the above information and agree that it is correct:

University Advisor's Signature: *Philip J. Bufone* Date: 3/23/06

Advisor's Telephone Number: 814-824-2267

315 College Street
Youngsville, PA 16371
March 25, 2006

Mr. Mark A. Eberl
Director, Human Resources
Warren County School District
185 Hospital Drive
North Warren, P 16365

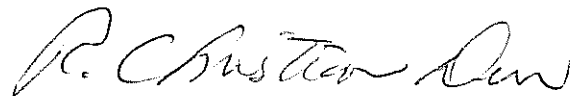
Dear Mr. Eberl,

Here is my Unique Need Tuition Reimbursement Form for the ABA program starting at Mercyhurst this summer. I believe that this program would provide a valuable addition to the resources of the school district, and provide a valuable resource for my particular teaching assignment. I have already completed two of the five required courses as part of my MS degree from Mercyhurst. So the cost to school district would be much less than what is normal for the full program.

I am enclosing a letter from Dr. Belfiore announcing the program. I am also sending a page describing the full program and a page from the BACB web site with a listing of other costs – in case the board would like to reimburse these costs as well. These additional costs include the application fee for certification and the examination fee. I will also be paying for books and other expenses. So I will be making a financial commitment to this program along with the school board.

Thank you for all of your gracious help. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. Christian Derr". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

Robert Christian Derr

GRADUATE STUDIES IN APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS

Masters of Science in Special Education *Concentration in Applied Behavior Analysis*

Graduate Certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis

Mercyhurst College is approved as a provider of instruction that meets the education requirements for certification by the Behavior Analysis Certification Board. To achieve full certification, a candidate must complete 225 hours of graduate instruction in a Board approved program, complete the designated number of hours of supervised work experience, and pass the "Board Certified Behavior Analyst" Examination. Students are responsible for meeting the work experience and exam requirements.

A "Certificate of Completion" will be awarded to graduate students who complete the five courses below *in sequence*.

- EDSP 640 Basic Principles of Behavior
- EDSP 502 Single Subject Research
- EDSP 650 Extended Application: Functional analysis
- EDSP 501 Extended Application: Applied Behavior Analysis and Classroom Management
- EDSP 660 Advanced Seminar in Applied Behavior Analysis

Students may complete these education requirements as either a concentration in the Masters of Science in Special Education program or as a Graduate Certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis. (All Graduate Certificate credits may be transferred to the Masters degree program.)

Classes begin in June, 2006 and the application deadline is May 15, 2006.

Mercyhurst College Graduate Center

Erie, Pennsylvania

(814)-824-3384

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Fee Structure

Application Fees BCBA BCABA

Coursework/Experience Option	\$230	\$165
College Teaching/Experience Option	\$230	N/A
Re-Take (2 years after approval)	\$130	\$115
Late Fee (in addition to fee above)	\$125	\$125

Examination Administration Fee paid to Pearson VUE after application approved \$75 \$75

Renewal/Recertification BCBA BCABA

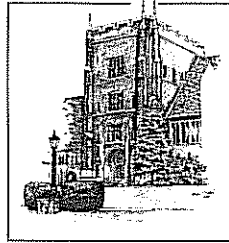
Renewal	\$100	\$65
Recertification	\$100	\$65
Renewal/Recertification Late Fee	\$50	\$50
Certificant Reexamination	\$130	\$115
Reexamination Late Fee	\$125	\$125
Reactivation	\$75	\$50
Uniform Late Fee (if not specified)	\$125	\$125
Insufficient Funds/Returned Check	\$25	\$25
Certificate Replacement	\$25	\$25

Continuing Education Providers

Initial Organizational Application	\$200
Initial Individual Application	\$100
Annual Organizational Renewal	\$100
Annual Individual Renewal	\$50

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MERCYHURST COLLEGE



March 8, 2006

Robert Derr
315 College St
Youngsville, PA 16371

Dear Robert,

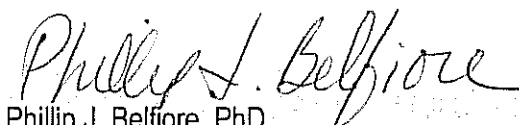
Greetings. Once again, we are making plans for new programs in Graduate Education at Mercyhurst College. Last year, our Graduate Program in Education was approved as a provider of instruction that meets the *education* requirements for certification by the Behavior Analysis Certification Board. This summer we will begin offering a series of 5 courses, concluding with a summer class in 2007. These 5 classes, in addition to a designated number of field work hours, will allow you to sit for the Board Certified Behavior Analyst Examination. When you complete coursework and field hours, and pass the examination you will be awarded Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) status.

You may complete these education requirements as either a concentration in the Masters of Science in Special Education program or as a Graduate Certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis. (Most Graduate Certificate credits may be transferred to the Masters degree program.) If you already have your graduate degree in Special Education from Mercyhurst College, 2 of the 5 required courses may already have been completed, requiring only 3 additional classes for the Graduate Certificate.

We are all excited about the opportunities this new program will open to graduates in the fields of mental retardation, behavior disorders, autism, and developmental disabilities, as well as the fields of mental health.

Classes will be taught by Mercyhurst College and Barber National Institute faculty, with expertise and/or certification in applied behavior analysis and developmental disabilities. I look forward to hearing from you, and if you have questions, please call 814-824-2267 or write pbelfiore@mercyhurst.edu.

Thanks Once Again, and See You This Summer


Phillip J. Belfiore, PhD
Professor, Special Education