

Professional Points

Weight: 5% of final grade

The purpose of professional points is to connect students in meaningful ways with the field of ABA in Ontario and beyond. These opportunities are designed to support networking, the establishment of professional connections, and to develop a deeper understanding of services and supports for families and professionals.

You are required to collect 20 professionalism points aimed at increasing your community awareness, providing community support, establishing networking opportunities and/or preparing for employment in this field. You may combine any of the following tasks to achieve a total of at least 20 points. Students are able to obtain partial points (e.g., 10 points= 2.5%) Please document all professional points activities in the document on the next page, and submit the document and supporting documentation by the assigned due date.

1. Attend a related conference (2 points per hour attended):

Attend a conference within this professional field. Prior to attending, ensure that your Seminar Faculty approves. Submit verification of your attendance.

2. Membership in a new organization (5 points, up to a maximum of 10 points): You can earn 5 points for membership in a new organization (e.g., ONTABA, ABAI, Autism Ontario, etc.). Proof of new membership must be provided.

3. Volunteer at an autism or behavioural event or organization (2 points per hour spent volunteering, up to a maximum of 10 points): Volunteering that is approved by your professor (ahead of time) will earn you 2 points per hours spent volunteering. Proof of attendance must be provided.

4. Conduct an observation with a member of a multi-disciplinary team (5 points): At your agency, you might be able to connect with multidisciplinary team members. Arrange an observation with a client

(e.g., SLP, OT, etc.). Signed verification from the professional must be received.

5. **Attend a parent training/support group/parent generalization session (2 points per hour spent at training/group, up to a maximum if 10 points):** At your agency or external, research opportunities to attend and/or volunteer at a parent training/support group/parent generalization. Form must be signed to verify attendance.
6. **Book/Website/Blog review (5 points):** Review a book, website or blog and write a 300 word summary of the resource, related to Autism and Behavioural Science. This review is to be posted online for your classmates in the Professionalism Points discussion board.
7. **Current events response (10 points):** Locate a recent article or commentary online and post a formal response using information you have learned from this program. Save the response in a document and upload it to the Dropbox for Professionalism Points and post it to the Professionalism Points discussion board. Students are also able to respond to a student's post (minimum 300 words) for 5 professional points.
8. **Video resource (5 points):** Locate a video resource related to any content you have learned in this program. Post the link online for your classmates in the Professionalism Points discussion board and explain why you think it is a valuable resource.
9. **Secure a reference in this field (5 points):** References are an integral part of gaining employment. Email me the name, agency, position and contact information for a reference you have secured in this field.
10. **Feedback Log (5 points):** During placement, keep a log of the feedback provided by the on-site supervisor and other staff, both

positive and constructive in order to create goals. If feedback is not forthcoming, solicit feedback from others in a formal or informal way. You may also include your own thoughts about your experiences.

11. **Other:** The Professor will consider other suggestions by email PRIOR to completion.

This is not an exhaustive list. If you come across an activity that you feel could be valuable for your professional development, please reach out to your seminar faculty to discuss. Please remember that approval should be obtained before attending/completing.

****Note: Content submitted for professionalism points will not be graded. You will, however, only receive points for quality submissions.***

Professional Points Documentation

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