

Graduate Course Description Form

Course Number:	IGC 714
Course Name:	Safe Schools, Smart Systems: PBIS & the New MA Behavioral Regulations
Credits Earned:	3 Graduate Credits / 67.5 PDPs
Credits Issued By:	Gordon College
Course Fee:	\$675 (\$625 with early registration discount)

Course Description:

This course equips Massachusetts educators and school leaders to implement school-wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) in full compliance with the updated 603 CMR 46.00 behavioral regulations. Participants develop expertise in prevention-first discipline, Functional Behavioral Assessment, Behavior Intervention Planning, and the legal and ethical requirements governing restraint and seclusion in Massachusetts schools. This course is aligned to the Massachusetts Educator Evaluation Framework and 603 CMR 46.00.

Learning Outcomes:

1. Implement a Tier 1 PBIS framework that establishes positive school-wide behavioral expectations aligned to 603 CMR 46.00's prevention-first philosophy.
2. Conduct or review a Functional Behavioral Assessment (FBA) using Massachusetts-approved procedures.
3. Develop a legally compliant Behavior Intervention Plan (BIP) that prioritizes positive, proactive strategies.
4. Apply 603 CMR 46.00 requirements for documentation, family notification, and oversight of behavioral interventions.
5. Design classroom prevention strategies that reduce behavioral escalation and support students with emotional and behavioral needs.