

## PSYCHOLOGISTS

### **Q. Do applicants need to complete the education equivalency worksheet?**

A. Not If the applicant's doctoral degree was obtained from an APA (American Psychological Association) approved program, the applicant does not need to complete the education equivalency worksheet. If the applicant's degree is from a non-APA approved program, the applicant must complete the education equivalency worksheet and attach any supporting documentation (i.e., description/syllabi), which must be submitted with a completed application packet, non-refundable application processing fee, affidavit of eligibility, and official transcript (in a sealed envelope from the school), documenting date of conferral of doctorate degree.

### **Q. What does the Board consider psychology/psychotherapy (or, what can applicants include as supervised experience hours for licensure)?**

A. Pursuant to the Mental Health Statute, the "practice of psychology" is defined as the observation, description, evaluation, interpretation, or modification of human behavior, by the application of psychological principles, methods, or procedures, for the purpose of preventing, eliminating, evaluating, assessing, or predicting symptomatic, maladaptive, or undesired behavior and as otherwise set forth in the Colorado Psychologist Board Rules.

### **Q. Who would be considered an appropriate supervisor for my post-degree supervised experience?**

A. A psychologist licensed in the state where the supervision was provided would be considered an acceptable supervisor. A licensed psychiatrist who is certified by the American Board of Psychiatry, in addition to being licensed in the state where the supervision was provided, is acceptable for up to 25% of your post-doctoral supervised experience. Refer to the Colorado Psychologist Board Rules.

### **Q. How many hours of post-degree experience and supervision do applicants need, and when can they start accumulating them?**

A. The total minimum amount spread out over a minimum of 12 months is 1,500 hours of experience and 75 hours of supervision, 50 hours of which must be individual (face-to-face) supervision; the remaining supervision hours may be group. Post-doctoral supervised experience may not begin until the doctoral degree is conferred and applicants have obtained a counseling position with appropriate supervision. If all requirements for the doctoral degree were completed prior to the conferral date on the transcript, the Board will accept a letter from the registrar, department head, or someone of similar status, documenting date applicant met requirements for doctorate degree and attesting to that fact, whereupon the applicant could begin counting post-doctoral supervised experience from the earlier date.

### **Q. Is it appropriate to apply for licensure by examination or endorsement?**

A. If the applicant is licensed in another jurisdiction/state that did not require passage of the EPPP national examination, the applicant would need to apply for licensure by examination. Refer to the Colorado Psychologist Board Rules.

### **Q. When do applicants/therapists need to be listed in the Database of Registered Psychotherapists?**

A. Psychologist applicants who are completing their one-year post degree experience and supervision must either register as a psychologist candidate OR become listed as a registered psychotherapist in the Database of Registered Psychotherapists.

### **Q. When can I expect to receive my EPPP results?**

A. Within 4-6 weeks of the administration of the examination.

### **Q. How can I find out if my program is APA accredited?**

A. Check with the college or university to determine if their psychology program is APA accredited (or check the APA web site at [www.apa.org](http://www.apa.org)).

**Q. Does the Psychology Board have a list of non-APA accredited programs approved for Licensure in Colorado?**

A. No. All non-APA programs must meet the Board Rules and the equivalency program and course requirements. Please read the Psychology Board Rules before submitting an application for equivalency of a non-APA approved program.

**Q. Are supervised work experience hours completed in another state acceptable for licensure in Colorado?**

A. Yes, provided they are obtained under the supervision of a licensed psychologist or the equivalent as defined in Board Rules. The hours must be documented on the Colorado Post-Doctoral Experience and Supervision Form ([www.dora.state.co.us/mental-health/psy/licensing](http://www.dora.state.co.us/mental-health/psy/licensing)).

**Q. Does Colorado have reciprocity with any state?**

A. No. Colorado has "licensure by endorsement." Please review the application packet information at [www.dora.state.co.us/mental-health/psy/PSYendorsement.pdf](http://www.dora.state.co.us/mental-health/psy/PSYendorsement.pdf).

**Q. What is the Jurisprudence Examination requirement?**

A. All applicants for Psychologist licensure shall pass a Board approved Jurisprudence Examination as one of the requirements for licensure.

**Q. What is the Jurisprudence Examination?**

A. The Jurisprudence Examination is designed to test your knowledge, skills, and resources to solve routine and complex practice scenarios. Each question has one correct answer. It is "open book" to encourage the development of personal resources to address practice questions.

**Q. How often may a psychology license applicant take the Jurisprudence Examination?**

A. The Jurisprudence Examination may be taken as often as the applicant needs to take it to pass. There are no restrictions on the number of times it may be taken.

**Q. When are results of the Jurisprudence Examination reported to the applicant?**

A. The Office of Licensing within the Department of Regulatory Agencies, Division of Registrations, sends notice to applicants who fail the Jurisprudence Examination with information from the website on downloading and retaking the examination. Notice is not provided to applicants who pass the examination as they are licensed if eligible.

**Q. How long do applicants have to complete all requirements for licensure?**

A. Five years from the application receipt in the Division.