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Educational Requirements for Licensure in Psychology

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The Clinical Psychology PhD Program at Oregon Health & Science University makes every effort to provide education that is compliant with national standards and to prepare students to practice clinical psychology. The practice of psychology, however, is regulated at the state level. State licensing authorities, commonly referred to as “State Boards,” determine the specific educational and training requirements for licensure in their State. Of note, many States require post-doctoral training as well as examinations beyond educational and training requirements. As such, a PhD degree from our Program in Clinical Psychology is not sufficient, in and of itself, to meet licensure requirements in most states.

If you are planning to pursue professional licensure or certification, it is strongly recommended that you contact the appropriate licensing entity in the state for which you are seeking licensure or certification to obtain information and guidance regarding licensure or certification requirements before beginning an academic program. Given that State requirements for licensure or certification vary and may change over time it is also strongly recommended that you review licensing or certification requirements as you get closer to seeking licensure or certification. You are encouraged to review the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards’ online tool, PsyBook (<https://www.asppb.net/page/psybook>), which summarizes requirements for most states and territories. You are also encouraged to confirm state licensing requirements directly with the state for which you are interested in seeking licensure or certification.

The Clinical Psychology PhD program at OHSU, to the best of its ability, determined that the curriculum offered by our Program meets – or does **not** meet – the educational requirements for licensure or certification to practice psychology in each of the States listed in Table 1. For States in which the Program’s educational offerings do not meet a specific State’s requirements for licensure or certification, students may be required to obtain alternate, different, or more courses, or more experiential or clinical hours required. These findings are accurate, to the best of our ability, as of August 1, 2020.

Of note, obtaining a degree from an APA accredited program meets educational requirements for most U.S. states and jurisdictions. The Ph.D. program in Clinical Psychology (CPP program) at OHSU is accredited, on contingency as of November 9, 2022, expiring November 9, 2027. For more information about APA accreditation or specific information about the accreditation status of our doctoral program please contact:

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Table 1

The columns “YES”, “NO”, and “UNABLE TO DETERMINE” refer to faculty estimates as to whether the OHSU Clinical Psychology PH.D. Program satisfies licensure requirements in each U.S. state prior to the program receiving APA accreditation. Please note that this table does not include an evaluation of state-specific requirements beyond that of educational or curricular requirements.				
	Program Satisfies Curricular Requirements?			
State	Yes	No	Unable to Determine	State Professional Association or License Authority and Notes
1. Alabama	X			http://www.psychology.alabama.gov/default.aspx
2. Alaska	X			https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardofPsychologists.aspx
3. Arizona	X			https://psychboard.az.gov/
4. Arkansas	X			https://psychologyboard.arkansas.gov/
5. California		X		https://www.psychology.ca.gov/ Although a doctoral degree in clinical psychology is required, additional coursework or experience beyond what is routinely offered at the Clinical Psychology PhD Program may be required in California, including pre-license curriculum or training in: human sexuality (10 contact hours); alcoholism/chemical dependency detection and treatment (one semester or quarter); child abuse assessment (7 hours); spousal/partner abuse, detection and intervention strategies (15 contact hours); aging and long-term care (10 contact hours).
6. Colorado	X			https://dpo.colorado.gov/Psychology
7. Connecticut	X			https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Public-Health-Hearing-Office/Board-of-Examiners-of-Psychologists/Board-of-Examiners-of-Psychologists
8. Delaware	X			https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/psychology/
9. District of Columbia	X			https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/psychology-licensing A doctoral degree from an APA accredited program or from an ASPPB/National Register designated program may be required.
10. Florida	X			https://floridaspsychology.gov/ A doctoral degree from an APA accredited program may be required
11. Georgia	X			https://sos.ga.gov/index.php/licensing/plb/44 A doctoral degree from an APA (or CPA) program may be required; allowances for doctoral programs specializing in I/O psychology or mental retardation/developmental disabilities that meet certain requirements
12. Hawaii	X			http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/psychology/
13. Idaho	X			https://ibol.idaho.gov/IBOL/BoardPage.aspx?Bureau=PSY
14. Illinois	X			https://www.idfpr.com/profs/psych.asp
15. Indiana	X			https://www.in.gov/pla/psych.htm
16. Iowa	X			https://www.idph.iowa.gov/Licensure/Iowa-Board-of-Psychology Though new rules are in progress, program requirements include APA accreditation or ASPPB/National Register designation.
17. Kansas	X			https://ksbsrb.ks.gov/
18. Kentucky	X			http://psy.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx
19. Louisiana	X			http://www.lsbep.org/
20. Maine	X			https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/psychologists/

21. Maryland	X			https://health.maryland.gov/psych/Pages/Home.aspx
22. Massachusetts	X			https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-registration-of-psychologists
23. Michigan		X		https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-89334_72600_72603_27529_27552---,00.html NOTE: Beginning in March 30, 2022, a one-time training in identifying victims of human trafficking must be completed before licensure
24. Minnesota	X			http://www.psychologyboard.state.mn.us/
25. Mississippi	X			https://www.psychologyboard.ms.gov/Pages/default.aspx
26. Missouri	X			https://pr.mo.gov/psychologists.asp
27. Montana	X			http://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/psy
28. Nebraska	X			http://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Psychology.aspx
29. Nevada	X			http://psyexam.nv.gov/
30. New Hampshire	X			https://www.oplc.nh.gov/psychologists/
31. New Jersey			X	https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/psy/ In addition to a doctoral degree, New Jersey requires the following breakdown of credits and topic areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six (6) semester credits in Personality Theory and Human Development Theory; • Six (6) semester credits in Learning Theory and/or Physiological Psychology; • Six (6) semester credits in Psychological Measurement and Psychological Assessment; • Six (6) semester credits in Psychopathology; • Six (6) semester credits in Psychological therapy/counseling or Industrial/Organizational Psychology; and • Six (6) semester credits in Research and Statistical Design It is unclear if this requirement can be met in an infused curriculum or must be demonstrated in discrete courses.
32. New Mexico			X	http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/Psychologist_Examiners.aspx Must demonstrate awareness and knowledge of NM cultures as determined by the licensing board – educational modules are created by board that applicants are required to complete.
33. New York			X	http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/psych/ In addition to a doctoral degree, New York requires the following breakdown of credits and topic areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five (5) quarter credits in biological bases of behavior • Five (5) quarter credits in cognitive-affective bases of behavior • Five (5) quarter credits in social bases of behavior • Five (5) quarter credits in individual differences • Five (5) quarter credits in psychometrics • Five (5) quarter credits in history and systems of psychology • Five (5) quarter credits in research design, methodology, and statistics It is unclear if this requirement can be met in an infused curriculum or must be demonstrated in discrete courses.
34. North Carolina	X			http://www.ncpsychologyboard.org/
35. North Dakota	X			http://ndsbpe.org/index.html
36. Ohio	X			https://psychology.ohio.gov/
37. Oklahoma	X			https://www.ok.gov/psychology/
38. Oregon	X			https://www.oregon.gov/psychology/pages/index.aspx
39. Pennsylvania	X			https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Psychology/Pages/default.aspx#.VgG6GN9VhBc A doctoral degree from an APA/CPA accredited program or from ASPPB/National Register designated program may be required.
40. Rhode Island	X			https://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=241

41. South Carolina	X			https://llr.sc.gov/psych/ A doctoral degree from an APA/CPA accredited program or from ASPPB/National Register designated program may be required.
42. South Dakota	X			https://dss.sd.gov/licensingboards/psych/psych.aspx
43. Tennessee	X			https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/psychology-board/psych-board/about.html
44. Texas	X			http://www.tsbep.texas.gov/index.php
45. Utah	X			https://dopl.utah.gov/psych/index.html
46. Vermont	X			https://sos.vermont.gov/
47. Virginia	X			http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/psychology/
48. Washington	X			https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/Psychologist.aspx
49. West Virginia	X			https://psychbd.wv.gov/Pages/default.aspx
50. Wisconsin	X			https://dsps.wi.gov/pages/Professions/Psychologist/Default.aspx
51. Wyoming	X			https://psychology.wyo.gov/