

Health Psychology and Clinical Science (HPCS)

CUNY Graduate Center

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Educational Requirements for Licensure in Psychology

The PhD Program in Health Psychology and Clinical Science at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York makes every effort to provide education that is compliant with national standards and to prepare students to practice clinical psychology. As recognition of our compliance with national standards, our Program is accredited (on contingency, as of May 2019) by the American Psychological Association¹. 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 HPCS 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 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 directly confirm state licensing requirements directly with the state in which you are interested in seeking licensure or certification.

HPCS, 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 June 30, 2020.

¹ For further information about APA accreditation or specific information about the accreditation status of our PhD program, please contact Jacqueline Remondet Wall, PhD Director, Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation American Psychological Association 750 First Street, NE Washington, DC 20002-4242 202-336-5979, <http://www.apa.org/ed/accreditation>.

Table 1

| <p>In the table below, an asterisk (*) indicates that earning a doctoral degree from a program accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA) is deemed to meet the educational requirements for licensure in that State. The PhD Program in Health Psychology and Clinical Science at the Graduate Center at CUNY is currently accredited on contingency by APA (see: http://www.apa.org/ed/accrreditation), and will undergo the final phase of the accreditation process in 2022. Please note that this table does not include an evaluation of state-specific requirements beyond that of educational or curricular requirements. Students are encouraged to visit the below websites to learn about non-curricular requirements.</p> | | | | |
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| State | Program Satisfies Curricular Requirements? | | | State Professional Association or License Authority and Notes |
| | Yes | No | Unable to Determine | |
| 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/ <i>Although a doctoral degree in Clinical is required, additional coursework or experience beyond what is routinely offered by HPCS 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).</i> |
| 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 |
| 10. Florida | X* | | | https://floridaspsychology.gov/ |
| 11. Georgia | X | | | https://sos.ga.gov/index.php/licensing/plb/44 |
| 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 |
| 17. Kansas | X* | | | https://ksbsrb.ks.gov/ |
| 18. Kentucky | | X | | http://psy.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx <i>The Kentucky licensing board requires a Practicum in Assessment; HPCS does not require students to take such a practicum. Students wishing to become licensed in Kentucky may take an assessment practicum within CUNY.</i> |
| 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 |

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| 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 from an APA accredited program like HPCS, New Jersey requires the following breakdown of credits and topic areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 semester credits in Personality Theory and Human Development Theory – <i>both met by HPCS</i> • 6 semester credits in Learning Theory and/or Physiological Psychology – <i>see note below</i> • 6 semester credits in Psychological Measurement and Psychological Assessment – <i>both met by HPCS</i> • 6 semester credits in Psychopathology – <i>see note below</i> • 6 semester credits in Psychological therapy/counseling or I/O Psychology – <i>met by HPCS</i> • 6 semester credits in Research and Statistical Design – <i>both met by HPCS</i> <p>Note: Please note that of these requirements, HPCS does not require a course in Learning Theory, and only requires 3 credits of Psychopathology. Students who plan to be licensed in NJ may take these two additional courses as electives.</p> |
| 32. New Mexico | X* | | | http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/Psychologist_Examiners.aspx |
| 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"> • 3 semester credits in biological bases of behavior • 3 semester credits in cognitive-affective bases of behavior • 3 semester credits in social bases of behavior • 3 semester credits in individual differences • 3 semester credits in psychometrics • 3 semester credits in history and systems of psychology • 3 semester credits in research design, methodology, and statistics |
| 34. North Carolina | X* | | | http://www.ncpsychologyboard.org/ |
| 35. North Dakota | X* | | | http://ndsboe.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 |
| 40. Rhode Island | X* | | | https://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=241 |
| 41. South Carolina | X* | | | https://llr.sc.gov/psych/ |
| 42. South Dakota | X* | | | https://dss.sd.gov/licensingboards/psych/psych.aspx |

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| 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://psychhd.wv.gov/Pages/default.aspx |
| 50. Wisconsin | X | | | https://dsps.wi.gov/pages/Professions/Psychologist/Default.aspx |
| 51. Wyoming | X* | | | https://psychology.wyo.gov/ |