

PSYCHOLOGIST LICENSING ACT

AMENDMENTS

2007 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Lyle W. Hillyard

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies the Psychologist Licensing Act by allowing an applicant for a psychologist's license to satisfy the 4,000-hour training requirement for licensure as a psychologist while working towards the completion of a doctoral degree in psychology.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ allows an applicant for licensure as a psychologist to satisfy the 4,000 hours of psychology training required for licensing while working towards completing the requirements for a doctoral degree in psychology; and
- ▶ makes certain technical changes.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

58-61-304, as last amended by Chapter 156, Laws of Utah 2006

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section 58-61-304 is amended to read:

58-61-304. Qualifications for licensure by examination or endorsement.

30 (1) [~~All applicants~~] An applicant for licensure as a psychologist based upon education,  
31 clinical training, and examination shall:

32 (a) submit an application on a form provided by the division;

33 (b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63-38-3.2;

34 (c) be of good moral character;

35 (d) produce certified transcripts of credit verifying satisfactory completion of a doctoral  
36 degree in psychology that includes specific core course work established by division rule under  
37 Section 58-1-203, from an institution of higher education whose doctoral program, at the time  
38 the applicant received the doctoral degree, met approval criteria established by division rule  
39 made in consultation with the board;

40 (e) have completed a minimum of 4,000 hours of psychology training as defined by  
41 division rule under Section 58-1-203 in not less than two years and under the supervision of a  
42 psychologist supervisor approved by the division in collaboration with the board [~~2,000 hours~~  
43 ~~of which are obtained after completion of a master's level of education in psychology and 2,000~~  
44 ~~hours of which shall be obtained after completion of the requirements for a doctoral degree in~~  
45 ~~psychology~~];

46 (f) to be qualified to engage in mental health therapy, document successful completion  
47 of not less than 1,000 hours of supervised training in mental health therapy obtained after  
48 completion of a master's level of education in psychology, which training may be included as  
49 part of the 4,000 hours of training required in Subsection (1)(e), and for which documented  
50 evidence demonstrates not less than one hour of supervision for each 40 hours of supervised  
51 training was obtained under the direct personal face to face supervision of a psychologist  
52 approved by the division in collaboration with the board;

53 (g) pass the examination requirement established by division rule under Section  
54 58-1-203; and

55 (h) meet with the board, upon request for good cause, for the purpose of evaluating the  
56 applicant's qualifications for licensure.

57 (2) [~~All applicants~~] An applicant for licensure as a psychologist by endorsement based

58 upon licensure in another jurisdiction shall:

59 (a) submit an application on a form provided by the division;

60 (b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63-38-3.2;

61 (c) be of good moral character and professional standing, and not have any disciplinary  
62 action pending or in effect against the applicant's psychologist license in any jurisdiction;

63 (d) have passed the Utah Psychologist Law and Ethics Examination established by  
64 division rule;

65 (e) provide satisfactory evidence the applicant is currently licensed in another state,  
66 district, or territory of the United States, or in any other jurisdiction approved by the division in  
67 collaboration with the board;

68 (f) provide satisfactory evidence the applicant has actively practiced psychology in that  
69 jurisdiction for not less than 2,000 hours or one year, whichever is greater;

70 (g) provide satisfactory evidence that:

71 (i) the education, supervised experience, examination, and all other requirements for  
72 licensure in that jurisdiction at the time the applicant obtained licensure were substantially  
73 equivalent to the licensure requirements for a psychologist in Utah at the time the applicant  
74 obtained licensure in the other jurisdiction; or

75 (ii) the applicant is:

76 (A) a current holder of diplomate status in good standing from the American Board of  
77 Professional Psychology;

78 (B) currently credentialed as a health service provider in psychology by the National  
79 Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology; or

80 (C) currently holds a Certificate of Professional Qualification (CPQ) granted by the  
81 Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards; and

82 (h) meet with the board, upon request for good cause, for the purpose of evaluating the  
83 applicant's qualifications for licensure.

84 (3) (a) [~~All applicants~~] An applicant for certification as a psychology resident shall  
85 comply with the provisions of Subsections (1)(a), (b), (c), (d), and (h).

86           (b) (i) An individual's certification as a psychology resident is limited to the period of  
87 time necessary to complete clinical training as described in Subsections (1)(e) and (f) and  
88 extends not more than one year from the date the minimum requirement for training is  
89 completed, unless the individual presents satisfactory evidence to the division and the  
90 Psychologist Licensing Board that the individual is making reasonable progress toward passing  
91 the qualifying examination or is otherwise on a course reasonably expected to lead to licensure  
92 as a psychologist~~[, but the]~~.

93           (ii) The period of time under ~~[this]~~ Subsection (3)(b)(i) may not exceed two years past  
94 the date the minimum supervised clinical training requirement has been completed.