

1                   **LICENSED SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGICAL PRACTITIONER**

2                                   **AMENDMENTS**

3   2024 GENERAL SESSION

4   STATE OF UTAH

5                                   **Chief Sponsor: Stewart E. Barlow**

6                                   Senate Sponsor: Michael S. Kennedy

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8   **LONG TITLE**

9   **General Description:**

10           This bill enacts provisions relating to the licensure of a licensed school psychological  
11 practitioner.

12   **Highlighted Provisions:**

13           This bill:

- 14           ▶ creates a new license category under the Psychologist Licensing Act for a licensed  
15 school psychological practitioner;  
16           ▶ defines the scope of practice for a licensed school psychological practitioner; and  
17           ▶ specifies the requirements to receive a license as a licensed school psychological  
18 practitioner.

19   **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

20           None

21   **Other Special Clauses:**

22           None

23   **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

24   AMENDS:

25           **58-61-301**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2001, Chapter 281

26           **58-61-304**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 339

27           **58-61-308**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2001, Chapter 281



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

Section 1. Section **58-61-301** is amended to read:

**58-61-301. Licensure required.**

(1) (a) A license is required to engage in the practice of psychology, except as specifically provided in Section [58-1-307](#).

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection [58-1-307](#)(1)(c) an individual shall be certified under this chapter as a psychology resident in order to engage in a residency program of supervised clinical training necessary to meet licensing requirements as a psychologist under this chapter.

(2) The division shall issue to a person who qualifies under this chapter a license in the classification of:

(a) psychologist; [~~or~~]

(b) certified psychology resident[~~;~~]; or

(c) licensed school psychological practitioner.

Section 2. Section **58-61-304** is amended to read:

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

(1) An applicant for licensure as a psychologist based upon education, clinical training, and examination shall:

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

(b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section [63J-1-504](#);

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

(d) have completed a minimum of 4,000 hours of psychology training as defined by division rule under Section [58-1-203](#) in not less than two years and under the supervision of a psychologist supervisor approved by the division in collaboration with the board;

(e) to be qualified to engage in mental health therapy, document successful completion of not less than 1,000 hours of supervised training in mental health therapy obtained after

59 completion of a master's level of education in psychology, which training may be included as  
60 part of the 4,000 hours of training required in Subsection (1)(d), and for which documented  
61 evidence demonstrates not less than one hour of supervision for each 40 hours of supervised  
62 training was obtained under the direct supervision of a psychologist, as defined by rule;

63 (f) pass the examination requirement established by division rule under Section  
64 [58-1-203](#);

65 (g) consent to a criminal background check in accordance with Section [58-61-304.1](#)  
66 and any requirements established by rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah  
67 Administrative Rulemaking Act; and

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

70 (2) An applicant for licensure as a psychologist by endorsement based upon licensure  
71 in another jurisdiction shall:

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

73 (b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section [63J-1-504](#);

74 (c) not have any disciplinary action pending or in effect against the applicant's  
75 psychologist license in any jurisdiction;

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

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

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

83 (g) provide satisfactory evidence that:

84 (i) the education, supervised experience, examination, and all other requirements for  
85 licensure in that jurisdiction at the time the applicant obtained licensure were substantially  
86 equivalent to the licensure requirements for a psychologist in Utah at the time the applicant  
87 obtained licensure in the other jurisdiction; or

88 (ii) the applicant is:

89 (A) a current holder of Board Certified Specialist status in good standing from the

90 American Board of Professional Psychology;

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

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

95 (h) consent to a criminal background check in accordance with Section [58-61-304.1](#)  
96 and any requirements established by rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah  
97 Administrative Rulemaking Act; and

98 (i) meet with the board, upon request for good cause, for the purpose of evaluating the  
99 applicant's qualifications for licensure.

100 (3) (a) An applicant for certification as a psychology resident shall comply with the  
101 provisions of Subsections (1)(a), (b), (c), (g), and (h).

102 (b) (i) An individual's certification as a psychology resident is limited to the period of  
103 time necessary to complete clinical training as described in Subsections (1)(d) and (e) and  
104 extends not more than one year from the date the minimum requirement for training is  
105 completed, unless the individual presents satisfactory evidence to the division and the  
106 Psychologist Licensing Board that the individual is making reasonable progress toward passing  
107 the qualifying examination or is otherwise on a course reasonably expected to lead to licensure  
108 as a psychologist.

109 (ii) The period of time under Subsection (3)(b)(i) may not exceed two years past the  
110 date the minimum supervised clinical training requirement has been completed.

111 (4) An applicant for licensure as a licensed school psychological practitioner shall:

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

113 (b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section [63J-1-504](#);

114 (c) produce certified transcripts of credit verifying satisfactory completion of a master's  
115 degree or equivalent certification program approved by the division that:

116 (i) consists of at least 60 semester hours or 90 quarter hours in school psychology at an  
117 accredited institution; and

118 (ii) includes training in at least the following topics:

119 (A) understanding the organization, administration, and operation of schools, the major  
120 roles of personnel employed in schools, and curriculum development;

121 (B) directing psychological and psycho-educational assessments and intervention  
122 including all areas of exceptionality;

123 (C) individual and group intervention and remediation techniques, including  
124 consulting, behavioral methods, counseling, and primary prevention;

125 (D) understanding the ethical and professional practice and legal issues related to the  
126 work of school psychologists;

127 (E) social psychology, including interpersonal relations, communications, and  
128 consultation with students, parents, and professional personnel;

129 (F) coordination and work with community-school relations and multicultural  
130 education programs and assessments; and

131 (G) the use and evaluation of tests and measurements, developmental psychology,  
132 affective and cognitive processes, social and biological bases of behavior, personality, and  
133 psychopathology;

134 (d) provide evidence demonstrating that the applicant has:

135 (i) completed a one school year internship, or the equivalent, with a minimum of 1,200  
136 clock hours in school psychology, at least 600 hours of which shall be in a school setting or a  
137 setting with an educational component; and

138 (ii) completed at least five years of successful experience as a school psychologist in  
139 the state; and

140 (e) provide a recommendation from:

141 (i) the institution that the applicant attended under Subsection (4)(c); and

142 (ii) one or more local education agencies, as defined in Section [53E-1-102](#), that  
143 employed the applicant as a school psychologist for the period described in Subsection  
144 (4)(d)(ii).

145 Section 3. Section **58-61-308** is amended to read:

146 **58-61-308. Scope of practice -- Limitations.**

147 (1) [A] An individual licensed as a psychologist may engage in all acts and practices  
148 defined as the practice of psychology without supervision, in private and independent practice,  
149 or as an employee of another person, limited only by the licensee's education, training, and  
150 competence.

151 (2) An individual certified as a psychology resident may engage in all acts and

152 practices defined as the practice of psychology only under conditions of employment as a  
153 psychology resident and under the supervision of a licensed psychologist who is an approved  
154 psychology training supervisor as defined by division rule. A certified psychology resident  
155 shall not engage in the independent practice of psychology.

156 (3) (a) An individual licensed as a licensed school psychological practitioner may  
157 provide services outside of a school setting if the services are:

158 (i) provided in accordance with the most recent professional standards adopted by the  
159 National Association of School Psychologists; and

160 (ii) related to:

161 (A) academic, behavioral, and mental health support;

162 (B) academic evaluation, assessment, and data analysis; or

163 (C) consultation with educators or families.

164 (b) An individual licensed as a licensed school psychological practitioner may not  
165 engage in diagnosing, the practice of mental health therapy, psychological evaluation,  
166 neuropsychological assessment, or neuropsychological evaluation.

167 Section 4. **Effective date.**

168 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.