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Information Pertaining To Endorsement as a Health Service Provider in Psychology (HSPP)

Licensed psychologists must obtain endorsement as health service providers in psychology in order to engage in the diagnosis and treatment of mental and behavioral disorders. If a psychologist is not endorsed as a health service provider in psychology (HSPP), the only way the psychologist can engage in the diagnosis and treatment of mental and behavioral disorders is:

- (1) to practice under the supervision of a health service provider in psychology for the purpose of qualifying for endorsement; or
- (2) the psychologist holds a limited license issued under IC 25-33-1-18 and practices within the scope of the psychologist's limited license.

You may download an application for endorsement as a health service provider in psychology: <http://www.in.gov/icpr/webfile/formsdiv/20231.pdf>.

Statutes and Rules Pertaining to Endorsement as a HSPP IC 25-33-1-5.1 Issuance of license; endorsement as health service provider in psychology; preceptorship program

(c) The board shall endorse as a health service provider in psychology an individual who:

- (1) has a doctoral degree in clinical psychology, counseling psychology, school psychology, or another applied health service area of psychology;
- (2) is licensed under this section, section 5.3, or section 9 of this chapter;
- (3) has at least two (2) years of experience in a supervised health service setting in which one (1) year of experience was obtained in an organized health service training program and in which at least one (1) year of experience was obtained after the individual received the individual's doctoral degree in psychology; and
- (4) complies with the continuing education requirements under IC 25-33-2.

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Sec. 3.

(a) At least one (1) year of supervised experience must be in an organized health service training program that is an internship which must consist of a minimum of one thousand five hundred (1,500) clock hours of experience occurring within a twenty-four (24) month period and which must:

- (1) have approval of the psychology faculty of the applicant's academic program;
- (2) consist of an organized, integrated series of training and educational experiences;
- (3) include sufficient psychologists (at least the equivalent of two (2) full-time psychologists) to provide supervision;
- (4) be designed to include a minimum of two (2) interns in the program per year;
- (5) be declared and publicized by the internship site as an internship on a yearly basis;
- (6) include one (1) psychologist who has been clearly designated as director of training or chief psychologist in charge of the program; and
- (7) provide that all psychologists responsible for case supervision must be licensed or certified psychologists by the state in which the program is located.

(b) An organized health service training program, in contrast to supervised experience, a practicum, or on-the-job training, must be designed to provide the intern with a planned,

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programmed sequence of training experiences. The primary focus and purpose is [sic., are] assuring the breadth and quality of training.

(c) In addition to the supervised experience in an organized health service training program required under subsection (a), at least one (1) year of supervised experience must have been obtained after the doctoral degree in psychology was conferred. A minimum of one thousand six hundred (1,600) clock hours of supervised experience must be obtained within a consecutive sixty (60) month period, but not less than twelve (12) months, and meet the following requirements:

- (1) At least nine hundred (900) hours of the one thousand six hundred (1,600) hour requirement must consist of direct patient contact by the applicant. Direct patient contact may be with individuals or groups of patients.
- (2) A minimum of one (1) hour per week of individual face-to-face supervision must be provided on-site in the office of the supervisor, or in another suitable place within the professional setting over which the supervisor has professional responsibility. The supervisor must be a psychologist who is endorsed as a health service provider in psychology under Indiana law or, if not practicing psychology in Indiana, who meets the criteria for endorsement as a health service provider in psychology as defined under Indiana law.
- (3) The supervisor of any training and experience obtained under this section may not be an employee of the supervisee or an independent contractor whose services are paid for by the supervisee.
- (4) A supervisee shall carry out the supervisee's psychological activities in the office of the supervisor or in some other suitable professional setting over which the supervisor has professional responsibility. All psychological activities of the supervisee shall be subject to the supervisor's concurrence. When conflicts arise, these must be resolved to the satisfaction of the supervisor. The supervisee is responsible for providing sufficient and appropriate information to the supervisor regarding the supervisee's professional activities.
- (5) Supervision of others by the applicant will not count toward the nine hundred (900) hour requirement of direct patient contact.
- (6) Teaching and research will not count toward the nine hundred (900) hour requirement of direct patient contact.
- (7) An applicant's personal therapy will not count toward the one thousand six hundred (1,600) hour requirement.

The application fee for HSPP endorsement is \$100.

Once the HSPP endorsement is issued, it is renewed automatically at the time the practitioner's license to practice psychology is renewed. If a Psychologist is currently obtaining post-degree supervised experience in a health service setting, the Psychologist does NOT have to be endorsed as an HSPP as long as he/she is supervised by a psychologist who IS endorsed as a HSPP.

Supervised hours towards HSPP endorsement may accrue after:

- the doctorate has been conferred; or
- the registrar of the university or school indicates that the applicant has successfully completed the requirements of the doctoral program.

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As soon as the psychologist completes the year of post-degree supervised experience (or preceptorship), he/she must apply for endorsement and must continue to practice under supervision until the Board acts on the application.

If you have any questions regarding this application process, please call our office at (317)234-2051 or email us at pla6@pla.IN.gov.