

**Department Of Health  
Health Systems Quality Assurance  
Washington State Examining Board of Psychology  
Policy/Procedure**

<b>Title:</b>	<b>Examining Board of Psychology - Extra Practicum Hours May Qualify As Preinternship Hours</b>	<b>Number: PY-05-15-09.2</b>
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**Purpose:** This policy describes how the Board interprets and grants credit for supervised experience hours earned by an applicant prior to commencing the required internship.

**Policy Statement:**

The Board will grant "preinternship hours" for any hours earned in a practicum if those hours

- exceed the required 300 practicum hours, and
- meet the preinternship supervised experience requirements in WAC 246-924-053.

**Application:**

An applicant submits proof of 400 hours of practicum supervised experience. These hours are titled "practicum" on the applicant's transcripts. The applicant submits proof that 100 of the hours meet the requirements of WAC 246-924-053.

**Board interpretation:**

The Board will count 300 of the hours towards the practicum requirement and will count 100 hours as pre-internship hours.

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