Chapter 246-924 WAC

PSYCHOLOGISTS

WAC 246-924-010 Definitions. The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly states otherwise.

(1) "Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome" or "AIDS" means the clinical syndrome of HIV-related illness as defined by the board of health by rule.

(2) "APA" means American Psychological Association.

(3) "APPIC" means Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers.

(4) "CPA" means Canadian Psychological Association.

(5) "Face to face" means in-person contact in the same physical space not assisted by technology.

(6) "Office on AIDS" means that section within the department of social and health services or any successor department with jurisdiction over public health matters as defined in chapter 70.24 RCW.
(7) “Out-of-state” means any state or territory of the United States.

(8) “Probationary license” means a temporary license issued to out-of-state licensees qualifying for licensure reciprocity in Washington state under the restrictions and conditions of RCW 18.225.140 and this chapter.

(9) “Reciprocity” means licensure of out-of-state licensed psychologists based on substantial equivalence between Washington state scope of practice and the scope of practice of the other state or territory, subject to a probationary licensure period to complete outstanding Washington state licensure requirements as determined necessary to gain full licensure.


WAC 246-924-043 Education and experience requirements for licensure. (1) To obtain a license, applicants must complete:
(a) A doctoral degree program as described in WAC 246-924-046.

(b) A practicum of at least 300 hours as described in WAC 246-924-049; and

(c) An experience requirement consisting of no fewer than two years supervised experience totaling 3000 hours that includes:

   (i) A minimum of 1500 hours of supervised experience that must be completed as an internship experience as outlined in WAC 246-924-056.

   (ii) The remaining 1500 supervised hours may be obtained through:

         (A) A preinternship as described in WAC 246-924-053;

         (B) Accumulation of supervised experience hours in excess of the 1500 hours required in subsection (1)(c)(i) that meet the requirements in WAC 246-924-056;

         (C) A postdoctoral experience as described in WAC 246-924-059; or

         (D) A combination of preinternship and postdoctoral experience; and.
For applicants who demonstrate proof of being credentialed as a substance use disorder professional for three years in the previous ten years, the total hours required in subsection (1)(c)(ii) of this section are reduced from 1500 to 1020 hours.

(32) The order of supervised experience must be graduated from more intensive to less intensive supervision.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.83.50 [18.83.050]. WSR 07-24-093, § 246-924-043, filed 12/5/07, effective 9/1/09.]

WAC 246-924-049 Practicum. (1) Applied experience: The doctoral degree program required in WAC 246-924-046 must include a practicum of at least nine months two semesters or three quarters and at least 300 hours of direct experience, 100 hours of which must meet the requirements in WAC 246-924-049(2) for in supervision. No more than 300 practicum hours may count towards licensure requirements. Additional hours accrued following completion of the nine month practicum may count towards licensure requirements if the hours meet all preinternship requirements in WAC 246-924-053.
Supervision must include the following:

(a) Discussion of services provided by the student;

(b) Selection of treatment plan for and review of each case or work unit of the student;

(3) Discussion of and instruction in theoretical concepts underlying the work;

(4) Discussion of the management of professional practice and other administrative or business issues;

(5) Evaluation of the supervisory process by the student and the supervisor;

(6) Discussion of coordination of services among the professionals involved in the particular cases or work units;

(7) Discussion of relevant state laws and rules;

(8) Discussion of ethical principles including principles applicable to the work;

(9) Review of standards for providers of psychological services; and

(10) Discussion of reading materials relevant to cases, ethical issues and the supervisory process.
[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.83.50 [18.83.050]. WSR 07-24-093, §
246-924-049, filed 12/5/07, effective 9/1/09.]

WAC 246-924-059 Post-doctoral supervised experience. If

3000 hours of supervised experience has not been completed at
the end of the doctoral degree program, then up to 1500 hours of
supervised post-doctoral experience can be used to satisfy the
total requirement. Post-doctoral supervised experience must be
completed only if an applicant does not already have 3000 hours
of supervised experience.

(1) Organization of the post-doctoral supervised
experience.

(a) The supervisor is ethically and legally responsible for
all supervisee work covered by the supervision agreement.
Therefore, the supervisor has authority to alter service plans
and direct the course of psychological work.

(b) Supervisees must use titles indicating their training
status, such as "psychological resident," "psychological
intern," or "psychological supervisee."
(c) Clients must be informed of the identity and responsibilities of the supervisor and how they can speak directly to the supervisor.

(d) Services rendered by the supervisee must not be represented to third parties as having been rendered by the supervisor. Insurance forms must be filled out indicating the nature of the supervisory relationship.

(2) The supervisor and supervisee must have a written agreement for supervision, including:

(a) The area(s) of professional activity in which supervision will occur;

(b) Hours of supervision and/or ratio of supervision to professional activity;

(c) Fees for supervision, if any;

(d) Processes for supervision including mode(s) of supervision, expectations for recordkeeping, evaluation, and feedback;

(e) Relevant business arrangements;

(f) How the supervisee will represent himself or herself; and
(g) How disagreements will be handled.

(3) Mode of supervision.

(a) The preferred mode of supervision is face-to-face discussion between the supervisor and the supervisee.

(b) The nature of the supervision may depend on the following:

(i) The theoretical orientation of the supervisor;

(ii) The training and experience of the supervisee; and

(iii) The duration of the supervisory relationship.

(4) Some direct observation of the supervisee's work is required and the supervisor may use the following:

(a) Detailed process notes and progress reports;

(b) Audio and/or videotapes;

(c) Client supplied information such as behavioral ratings; and

(d) One-way mirror observation.

(5) Supervised experience must be appropriate to the area(s) of professional activity the person intends to practice.

(6) There must be at least one hour of individual supervision for every twenty hours of psychological work.
(7) The supervisor and the supervisee must keep records of experience and supervision hours.

(8) At the end of the supervision period, the supervisor must prepare and forward to the board a written evaluation, including the number of successfully completed supervised hours of psychological work and any hours not successfully completed. If any hours were not successfully completed, the board may require additional hours of supervision.

(9) Supervision of the post-doctoral supervised experience.

(a) At least fifty percent of the post-doctoral supervision must be provided by a licensed psychologist.

(b) Up to fifty percent of the supervision may be provided by the following:

   (i) A licensed psychologist with two years post-license experience;

   (ii) A psychiatrist with three years of experience beyond residency;

   (iii) A licensed mental health counselor, a licensed marriage and family therapist, a licensed advanced social
worker, or a licensed independent clinical social worker, if the supervisor has five years post-license experience;

(iv) A doctoral level psychologist with three years post-doctoral experience who is exempt from licensure under RCW 18.83.200 (1), (2), (3) or (4), if the supervision occurs in the exempt setting.

(10) Supervision must include the following:

(a) Discussion of services provided by the student;

(b) Selection, service plan, and review of each case or work unit of the student;

(c) Discussion of and instruction in theoretical concepts underlying the work;

(d) Discussion of the management of professional practice and other administrative or business issues;

(e) Evaluation of the supervisory process by the student and the supervisor;

(f) Discussion of coordination of services among the professionals involved in the particular cases or work units;

(g) Discussion of relevant Washington laws and rules;
(h) Discussion of ethical principles including principles applicable to the work;

(i) Review of standards for providers of psychological services; and

(j) Discussion of reading materials relevant to cases, ethical issues and the supervisory process.

(ii) Applicants may not sign off as supervising their own post-doctoral hours.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.83.50 [18.83.050]. WSR 07-24-093, § 246-924-059, filed 12/5/07, effective 9/1/09.]

WAC 246-924-095 Failure of written examinations. An applicant who fails the EPPP either examination required under WAC 246-924-070 may sit for reexamination as follows:

(1) First reexamination: At any following examination administration date;

(2) Second or subsequent reexamination: A minimum of two months after the failure of the previous examination.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.83.050. WSR 08-09-100, § 246-924-095, filed 4/21/08, effective 5/22/08. Statutory Authority: RCW
18.83.050(5). WSR 94-12-039, § 246-924-095, filed 5/25/94, effective 6/25/94.

WAC 246-924-480 Temporary permits. (1) Temporary permits are:

   (a) Issued under RCW 18.83.082; and

   (b) Valid for no more than ninety days within one calendar year from the date they are issued.

   (2) If the board finds that another state's licensing requirements are deemed not equivalent because a stated requirement is omitted or deficient, the applicant is not eligible for the temporary permit unless the applicant demonstrates proof of graduation from an APA- or CPA-accredited doctoral program and successful completion of an APA-, APPIC-, or CPA-approved internship.

   (3) There is no charge for a temporary permit.

   (4) Candidates applying for a temporary permit must:

      (a) Verify that he or she is credentialed to practice psychology in another state that has been deemed substantially
equivalent by the board, or is a member of an organization listed in WAC 246-924-100(3); and

(b) Submit a completed application on a form provided by the board.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.83.050 and 18.83.170. WSR 16-16-026, § 246-924-480, filed 7/22/16, effective 8/22/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.83.050. WSR 08-09-100, § 246-924-480, filed 4/21/08, effective 5/22/08; WSR 91-04-020 (Order 117B), recodified as § 246-924-480, filed 1/28/91, effective 2/28/91; WSR 88-09-029 (Order PM 722), § 308-122-720, filed 4/15/88.]

NEW SECTION

WAC 246-924-085 Co-occurring disorder enhancement specialist eligibility.

Psychologists licensed under chapter 18.83 RCW and this chapter are eligible to apply for a co-occurring disorder specialist enhancement to their existing license according to the conditions of RCW 18.205.105 and chapter 246-806 WAC.

NEW SECTION

WAC 246-924-490 Probationary license.
(1) The department shall issue a probationary license to out-of-state applicants seeking licensure in Washington state as a psychologist according to the conditions and restrictions of the reciprocity program established RCW 18.83.170—and this chapter.

(2) The out-of-state license must be from a state or territory identified on a list published by the department as eligible for reciprocity for the purposes of a probationary license for the practice of psychology profession.

(3) Initial license.

(a) To receive an initial probationary license, the applicant must submit to the department:

(ia) A completed application;

(ii) Verification of their out-of-state license; and

(iii) The fee according to WAC 246-809-990.

(b) Probationary applicants must also pass the jurisprudence exam according to WAC 246-924-070 before the probationary license will be issued.

(4) Renewals. If necessary, a probationary license may be renewed a single time on or before the within one year anniversary of the initial license being issued and payment of the fee in WAC 246-809-990. A renewal is valid for one year after the date of renewal. To maintain a probationary licensee, the licensee must be able to demonstrate completion of 4 hours ethics according to (add in WAC), suicide assessment, treatment,
and management according to WAC 246-924-255, and AIDS education according to WAC 246-924-110 as a condition for renewal.

(5) Continuing education. With the exception of the requirements of this section, continuing education requirements will apply once a probationary licensee transitions to a full license.

(6) Supervised Experience. If it is determined additional supervised experience is required for full licensure, the supervised experience hours must meet the requirements for post-doctoral supervised experience in WAC 246-924-059.

WAC 246-924-495 Qualifications for granting a license.

Candidates applying for initial licensure under RCW 18.83.170 must meet the following requirements:

(1) Submit a completed application form provided by the department.

(2) Pay the application and examination fees described in WAC 246-924-990.

(3) Provide evidence of completing a doctoral degree program described in WAC 246-924-046.

(4) Provide evidence of completing the practicum requirement set forth in WAC 246-924-049.
(5) Provide evidence of completing the internship experience requirement as defined in WAC 246-924-056.

(6) Provide evidence of completion of supervised experience requirement as defined in WAC 246-924-043(1)(c)(ii) and, if applicable, WAC 246-924-043(1)(c)(iii). 246-924-053 and 246-924-059.

(7) Pass the national Examination of Professional Practice of Psychology (EPPP) described in WAC 246-924-070.

(8) Pass the jurisprudence examination in WAC 246-924-070. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.83.050. WSR 08-09-100, § 246-924-495, filed 4/21/08, effective 5/22/08.]