



# Psychology Licensure: (Almost) Everything You Need to Know

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Analysis on Psychology Licensure

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## THE CENTRE FOR DATA AND ANALYSIS ON PSYCHOLOGY LICENSURE (CENTRE)

- This PowerPoint is provided for informational purposes by the Centre
- The Purpose of the Centre is to:
  - Collect and analyze data for the regulation of the profession of psychology
  - Provide timely and relevant data to psychology licensing boards
  - Create publications and presentations focused on licensure portability and telehealth



# SEQUENCE OF TRAINING LEADING TO LICENSURE

- **Academic Program**
  - Practicum
  - Internship
  - Graduation
- **Post-doctoral Experience**
- Examinations
- Licensure

# GOALS OF LICENSING BOARD

## Public Protection

- Licensing qualified individuals
- Disciplining psychologists who behave unethically or illegally

# THE BASICS OF LICENSURE

- **Educational Requirements**
- **Pass EPPP**
- **Supervised Professional Experience**  
(Pre- and Post-doc hours 2800 to 4000 hours)
- **Jurisprudence and Ethics Exam and/or Oral Examination**

# EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS MAY VARY

- Regional accreditation
- Program accreditation by the American Psychological Association or Canadian Psychological Association
- ASPPB/National Register Joint Designation
- Evaluation of international degrees for adequacy

# EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- **Coursework, as specified by doctoral program and/or jurisdiction**
  - Foundational
  - Science
  - Practice (Clinical/Counseling/School/GAP)
- **Residency, as specified by doctoral program and jurisdiction**
- **Hours of practicum/internship, as specified by doctoral program and jurisdiction**
- **Hours of postdoctoral training as specified by the jurisdiction**

# EXAMINATIONS

- **EPPP: Examination for Professional Practice of Psychology – Owned and administered by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB).**
- **ASPPB** is the alliance of state, provincial, and territorial agencies responsible for the licensure and certification of psychologists throughout the United States and Canada. ASPPB was formed to serve psychology boards in the two countries.
- **Jurisprudence Exam**
- **Possible oral exam, interview**



# THE EPPP

- **Part 1 – required by licensing boards in U.S. & Canada**
  - Intended to measure broad, general, foundational knowledge for all psychologists
- **Part 2 – required in certain jurisdictions**
  - Intended to measure broad range of skills needed regardless of area of practice
- **Content and test specifications (the “blueprint”) supported by periodic Job Task Analyses**

# EPPP PART 1 – KNOWLEDGE AREAS/DOMAINS

- Biological bases of behavior 10%
- Cognitive and affective bases of behavior 13%
- Social and cultural aspects of behavior 11%
- Growth and lifespan development 12%
- Assessment and diagnosis 16%
- Treatment, intervention and prevention 15%
- Research and statistics 7%
- Ethical/legal/professional issues 16%

# EPPP PART 2 – KNOWLEDGE AREAS/DOMAINS

- **Scientific Orientation** 6%
- **Assessment and Intervention** 33%
- **Relational Competence** 16%
- **Professionalism** 11%
- **Ethical Practice** 17%
- **Collaboration, Consultation, and Supervision** 17%

# DETAILED RESOURCES FOR EPPP INFORMATION

“Exam Information” section of the ASPPB website

[www.asppb.net](http://www.asppb.net)

# EPPP SAMPLE EXAMS

- **SEPPPO (Sample Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology Online)**
  - May be taken on any computer that can connect to the Internet
- **SEPPP (Sample Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology)**
  - Taken 'real-world' at Pearson Testing Center

# JURISPRUDENCE EXAM

- Most jurisdictions require some type of jurisdictional law and regulations examination
- Exam usually written but may be oral

# GET INFORMED ABOUT JURISDICTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- **Spotlight - Jurisdictional Requirements by category**  
<https://asppbcentre.org/spotlight/>
- **SnapShot - Licensure Requirements by Jurisdiction**  
<https://asppbcentre.org/snapshot/>
- **InFocus – Overview of all licensure Requirements**  
<https://asppbcentre.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/ASPPB-InFocus-2023-Final.pdf>

# SUPERVISED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Many stories of candidates who did not follow the regulations
- Requirements vary among jurisdictions  
(<https://asppbcentre.org/spotlight/supervised-experience/>)
- Requirements vary among practicum, internship, and postdoc experiences
- Familiarize yourself with requirements in jurisdictions of interest to you




# PREPARING FOR YOUR FUTURE

- **The Bank - Credentials Verification Program:** Bank credentials for your entire career – [www.asppb.net/page/TheBank](http://www.asppb.net/page/TheBank)
- **CPQ - Certificate of Professional Qualification:** Licensure mobility across jurisdictional boundaries – <https://www.asppb.net/general/custom.asp?page=CPQ>
- **PSYPACT:** Allows telepsychology across jurisdictional lines – <https://psypact.gov/>

**GOOD LUCK ON  
YOUR JOURNEY TO  
LICENSURE!**

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