

**154B.10 Conditional prescription certificate.**

1. An applicant for a conditional prescription certificate shall be granted a certificate by the board if the applicant satisfies all of the following requirements:

- a. Holds a current license to practice psychology in this state.
- b. Completed pharmacological training from an institution approved by the board of psychology and the board of medicine or from a provider of continuing education approved by the board of behavioral health professionals and the board of medicine pursuant to joint rules adopted by both boards.
- c. Passed a national certification examination approved by the board of behavioral health professionals and the board of medicine that tested the applicant's knowledge of pharmacology in the diagnosis, care, and treatment of mental disorders.
- d. Successfully completed a postdoctoral master of science degree in clinical psychopharmacology approved by the board of behavioral health professionals and the board of medicine pursuant to joint rules adopted by both boards. The program shall at a minimum include coursework in neuroscience, pharmacology, psychopharmacology, physiology, and appropriate and relevant physical and laboratory assessments.
- e. Has been certified by the applicant's supervising physician as having successfully completed a supervised and relevant clinical experience in clinical assessment and pathophysiology and an additional supervised practicum treating patients with mental disorders. The practica shall have been supervised by a trained physician. The board of behavioral health professionals and the board of medicine, pursuant to joint rules adopted by the boards, shall determine sufficient practica to competently train the applicant in the treatment of a diverse patient population.
- f. Possesses malpractice insurance that will cover the applicant during the period the conditional prescription certificate is in effect.
- g. Meets all other requirements, as determined by joint rules adopted by the board of behavioral health professionals and the board of medicine, for obtaining a conditional prescription certificate.

2. A conditional prescription certificate is valid for four years, at the end of which the holder may apply pursuant to the provisions of [subsection 1](#).

3. A psychologist with a conditional prescription certificate may prescribe psychotropic medication under the supervision of a licensed physician subject to all of the following conditions:

- a. The psychologist shall continue to hold a current license to practice psychology in this state and continue to maintain malpractice insurance.
- b. The psychologist shall inform the board of the name of the physician under whose supervision the psychologist will prescribe psychotropic medication and promptly inform the board of any change of the supervising physician.
- c. A physician supervising a psychologist prescribing psychotropic medication pursuant to a conditional prescription certificate shall be subject to disciplinary action pursuant to [section 148.13A](#) for the acts and omissions of the psychologist while under the physician's supervision. This provision does not relieve the psychologist from liability for the psychologist's acts and omissions.
- d. Any other rules adopted jointly by the board of behavioral health professionals and the board of medicine.

[2016 Acts, ch 1112, §8](#); [2023 Acts, ch 33, §2](#); [2024 Acts, ch 1170, §497, 498](#)

Referred to in [§148.13B](#), [154B.14](#)