

645—240.7(154B) Certified health service provider in psychology.

240.7(1) Requirements for the health service provider in psychology. The applicant shall:

a. Verify at least two years of clinical experience in a recognized health service setting or meet the standards of the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology. Two years of clinical experience means two years of supervised experience in health service in psychology, of which at least one year is in an organized health service training program as defined in these rules and one year is in a recognized health service setting as defined in these rules that meets the requirements for supervised professional experience stated in subrules 240.6(1) and 240.6(2).

b. Complete a board-approved application and submit supporting documentation. Application forms may be obtained from the board's Web site (<http://www.idph.state.ia.us/licensure>) or directly from the board office. All applications shall be sent to the Board of Psychology, Professional Licensure Division, Fifth Floor, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0075. An applicant shall complete the application form according to the instructions contained in the application. If the application is not completed according to the instructions, the application will not be reviewed by the board. Incomplete applications that have been on file in the board office for more than two years without additional supporting documentation shall be:

(1) Considered invalid and shall be destroyed; or
(2) Maintained upon written request of the applicant. The applicant is responsible for requesting that the file be maintained.

c. Submit with the application the health service provider fee payable to the Board of Psychology. The fee is nonrefundable.

d. Renew the certificate biennially at the same time as the psychology license renewal fees are due.

240.7(2) Requirements of the organized health service training program. Internship programs in professional psychology that are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the American Psychological Association (APA) or that hold membership in the Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers (APPIC) are deemed approved. Applicants completing an organized health service training program that is not APA-approved or APPIC-designated at the time the applicant completes the training shall cause documentation to be sent from the program to establish that the program:

a. Provides the intern with a planned, programmed sequence of training experiences.
b. Has a clearly designated doctoral-level staff psychologist who is responsible for the integrity and quality of the training program and is actively licensed by the board of psychology in the jurisdiction in which the program exists.

c. Has two or more doctoral-level psychologists on the staff who serve as primary supervisors and are actively licensed by the board of psychology in the jurisdiction in which the program exists.

d. Has supervision that is provided by staff members of the organized health service training program or by an affiliate of the organized health service training program who carry clinical responsibility for the cases being supervised. At least half of the internship supervision shall be provided by one or more doctoral-level psychologists.

e. Provides training in a range of psychological assessment and treatment activities conducted directly with recipients of psychological services.

f. Ensures that trainees have a minimum of 375 hours of direct patient contact.

g. Includes a minimum of two hours per week (regardless of whether the internship is completed in one year or two years) of regularly scheduled, formal, face-to-face individual supervision with the specific intent of dealing with psychological services rendered directly by the intern. There must also be at least two additional hours per week in learning activities such as case conferences involving a case in which the intern is actively involved, seminars dealing with clinical issues, cotherapy with a staff person including discussion, group supervision, and additional individual supervision.

h. Has training that is at the postclerkship, postpracticum, and postexternship level.

i. Has a minimum of two interns at the internship level of training during any period of training.

j. Designates for internship-level trainees titles such as “intern,” “resident,” “fellow,” or other designation of trainee status.

k. Has a written statement or brochure which describes the goals and content of the internship, states clear expectations for quantity and quality of trainees’ work and is made available to prospective interns.

l. Provides a minimum of 1500 hours of training experience that shall be completed in no less than 12 months within a 24-consecutive-month period.

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