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Agency 102

Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board

Article 1.—Certification of Psychologists

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102-1-12. Educational requirements. (a) Definitions.

(1) "Core faculty member" means an individual who is part of the program's teaching staff and who meets the following conditions:

(A) Is an individual whose education, training, and experience are consistent with the individual's role within the program and are consistent with the published description of the goals, philosophy, and educational purpose of the program;

(B) is an individual whose primary professional employment is at the institution in which the program is housed; and

(C) is an individual who is identified with the program and is centrally involved in program development, decision making, and student training as demonstrated by consistent inclusion of the individual's name in public and departmental documents.

(2) "In residence," when used to describe a student, means that the student is present at the physical location of the institution for the purpose of completing coursework during which the student and one or more core faculty members are in physical proximity and face-to-face contact.

(3) "Primary professional employment" means a minimum of 20 hours per week of instruction, research, any other service to the institution in the course of employment, and the related administrative work.

(b) A graduate applicant for psychology licensure shall be deemed to have received a doctoral degree based on a program of studies in content primarily psychological as set forth in K.S.A. 74-5310, and amendments thereto, or the substantial equivalent of this program in both subject matter and extent of training, if at the time the applicant graduated from the program, this doctoral degree program was accredited by the American psychological association. If the applicant began the program after March 10, 2006, the accredited program shall require that at least 24 semester credit hours in the substantive areas identified in paragraph (b)(13)(C), or the equivalent number of quarter or trimester credit hours, be completed while the applicant is in residence. If not so accredited, the doctoral degree program from which the applicant was granted the degree shall meet all of the following criteria:

(1) The doctoral program is offered by an institution of higher education that is regionally accredited by an accrediting agency substantially equivalent to those agencies that accredit the universities in Kansas.

(2) The program offers doctoral education and training in psychology, one goal of which is to prepare students for the practice of psychology.

(3) The program stands as a recognized, coherent organizational entity within a university or college.

(4) There is a clear administrative authority with primary responsibility within the program for the substantive content areas as set forth in paragraph (b)(13) and for the emphasis areas of psychology.

(5) The program is an established, organized, and comprehensive sequence of study designed by administrators who are responsible for the program to provide an integrated educational experience in psychology.

(6) There is an identifiable, full-time, professional faculty whose members hold earned graduate degrees in psychology, and the person responsible for directing the program is licensed or academically eligible at the doctoral level to engage in the practice of psychology.

(7) The ratio of students to core faculty members does not exceed 15 students to one core faculty member.

(8) The student's major advisor is a member of the psychology faculty.

(9) The program has an identifiable body of students who are matriculated in the program for a degree.

(10) The program publicly states an explicit philosophy of training by which it intends to prepare students for the practice of psychology. The program's philosophy,

educational model, and curriculum plan shall be substantially consistent with the mission and goals of the program's sponsor institution and shall be consistent with the following principles of the discipline:

(A) Psychological practice is based on the science of psychology, which, in turn, is influenced by the professional practice of psychology.

(B) Training for practice is sequential, cumulative, graded in complexity, and designed to prepare students for further organized training.

(11) The program, except for industrial and organizational psychology programs, requires an internship that meets the following requirements:

(A) Consists of at least 1,800 hours over one year of full-time training or two consecutive years of half-time training;

(B) accepts as interns only applicants enrolled in a doctoral program as defined in this subsection or in a program that meets the requirements of paragraph (b)(2) of K.A.R. 102-1-5a;

(C) has a clearly designated doctoral-level staff psychologist who is responsible for the integrity and quality of the training program. This person shall be licensed, certified, or registered in the jurisdiction in which the program exists to engage in the practice of psychology and shall be present at the training facility for a minimum of 20 hours per week;

(D) provides training and supervision in a wide range of professional activities, including diagnosis, remediation techniques, interdisciplinary relationships, and consultation, and provides experience with a population of clients or patients presenting a diverse set of problems and backgrounds;

(E) is taken after the completion of all graduate courses other than those designated for writing the dissertation, including both the required graduate coursework emphasizing the practice of psychology and the preinternship training requirements;

(F) provides the intern or resident with a minimum of four hours of general training supervision for every 40 hours of training experience. At least one hour of individual clinical supervision shall be provided for every 10 hours during which the supervisee has direct patient or client contact;

(G) provides the majority of supervision by licensed, doctoral-level psychologists;

(H) exists as a distinct and organized program that is clearly recognizable within an institution or agency, as well as in pertinent public, official documents issued by the institution or agency, and that is clearly recognizable as a training program for

psychologists;

(I) identifies interns as being in training and not as staff members;

(J) has a training staff that consists of at least two doctoral-level psychologists who serve on a full-time basis as individual clinical supervisors and who are licensed, certified, or registered as psychologists in the jurisdiction in which the program exists;

(K) is an integrated and formally organized training experience, not an after-the-fact tabulation of experience; and

(L) provides at least two hours per week in didactic activities, including case conferences, seminars, in-service training, and grand rounds.

(12) Before awarding the doctoral degree, the program requires each student to complete a minimum of three full-time academic years of graduate study, or the equivalent, and to complete an internship that meets the requirements of paragraph (b)(11). At least two of the three academic training years, or the equivalent, shall be completed at the institution from which the doctoral degree is granted, and at least two consecutive semesters, or the equivalent number of quarters or trimesters, shall be completed while the student is in residence at the same institution. The program's coursework shall also include the skill courses appropriate for the applicant's major or area of emphasis.

(13) The program has and implements a clear and coherent curriculum plan that provides the means whereby all students can acquire and demonstrate substantial understanding of and competency in the current body of knowledge in the following three substantive areas:

(A) The breadth of scientific psychology, its history of thought and development, its research methods, and its applications. Each student shall have completed a one-semester course consisting of three semester credit hours, or the equivalent number of quarter or trimester credit hours, in each of the following six areas:

(i) Biological aspects of behavior, including clinical neuropsychology and the biological foundations of psychopathology;

(ii) cognitive and affective aspects of behavior, including theories of perception, human learning and memory, cognitive development, and theories and research in human learning;

(iii) social aspects of behavior, including social psychology, advanced social psychology, and social psychology theories, research, and clinical applications;

(iv) the history and systems of psychology, including the history of psychology and

theories of personality;

(v) psychological measurement, including an introduction to mathematical methods in psychology, educational measurement methods in psychological research, and research methods in clinical psychology; and

(vi) research methodology and techniques of data analysis, including statistical methods in psychology, research design in education, multivariate analysis, and multivariate statistical methods;

(B) the scientific, methodological, and theoretical foundations of practice. Each student shall have completed a one-semester course consisting of three semester credit hours, or the equivalent number of quarter or trimester credit hours, in each of the following four areas:

(i) Individual differences in behavior, including the basis and nature of individuality, intelligence and cognition, and cross-cultural counseling;

(ii) human development, including advanced child behavior and development, behavioral analysis of child development, the psychology of the adult personality, gerontology, and counseling with adults;

(iii) dysfunctional behavior or psychopathology, including advanced psychopathology; and

(iv) professional, ethical, legal, and quality assurance principles and standards, including professional, legal, and ethical problems in clinical psychology and legal, ethical, and professional issues in counseling; and

(C) the methods of diagnosing or defining problems through psychological assessment and measurement and the strategies and techniques of therapeutic intervention or remediation. A minimum of 24 semester credit hours in this substantive area, or the equivalent number of quarter or trimester credit hours, shall be completed by the student while the student is in residence and shall be distributed between the following two areas:

(i) Nine semester credit hours in assessment, or the equivalent number of quarter or trimester credit hours. Assessment courses shall include theories and methods of assessment and diagnosis, including intelligence testing, behavioral and personality assessment in children, theory and construction of personality tests, and techniques of psychodiagnostic assessment; and

(ii) 15 semester credit hours, or the equivalent number of quarter or trimester credit hours, in techniques of therapeutic interventions and effective therapeutic intervention, consultation, and supervision, including counseling and interviewing

skills, theories of group counseling, psychological clinical services, psychotherapy, group therapeutic techniques, and psychotherapy with families.

(14) The program requires at least 90 semester credit hours, or the equivalent number of quarter or trimester credit hours, of formal graduate study in the psychology program. At least 60 of these semester credit hours, or the equivalent number of quarter or trimester credit hours, shall be distributed among the content areas specified in paragraph (b)(13).

(15) At least 60 semester credit hours of the coursework for the doctoral program, or the equivalent number of quarter or trimester hours, are clearly designated on the transcript as graduate-level courses in the program, exclusive of practicum, internship, and dissertation credits. The number of credits received through extension programs shall not exceed 10 semester credit hours or the equivalent number of quarter or trimester credit hours. The number of postdoctoral credit hours from a regionally accredited university or college taken to meet licensure requirements shall not exceed 10 semester credit hours or the equivalent number of quarter or trimester credit hours.

(16) When the program has an applied emphasis, which may include clinical psychology, counseling psychology, or school psychology, the training shall also include a minimum of at least two semesters of a coordinated practicum. The practicum in the application of skills related to the areas of emphasis shall be performed in a setting that is preapproved by the appropriate administrative authorities of the program.

(17) The program advertises in official documents, including course catalogues and announcements, the program standards and descriptions and the admission requirements of the program.

(18) The program has admission requirements that are, in part or in full, based on objective, standardized achievement tests and measures.

(19) The program includes an ongoing, objective review and evaluation of student learning and progress, and the program reports this evaluation in the official transcript.

(20) The program includes a comprehensive examination or an equivalent assessment approved by the board of the applicant's knowledge and progress within the training program, and the program requires that the applicant pass this requirement before awarding the doctoral degree.


(21) As a part of the graduation requirements, each student is required to initiate, prepare, conduct, and report original research or an equivalent project as determined by the program. This original research or equivalent project shall not be substituted for


successful completion of the comprehensive examination required under paragraph (b)(20).

(22) The institution offering the graduate program has a library and equipment and resources available that are adequate for the size of the student body and the scope of the program offered, including suitable scientific and practicum facilities. (Authorized by K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 74-7507; implementing K.S.A. 74-5310; effective May 1, 1982; amended May 1, 1984; amended, T-85-35, Dec. 19, 1984; amended May 1, 1985; amended May 1, 1986; amended May 1, 1987; amended Dec. 18, 1998; amended Oct. 27, 2000; amended March 10, 2006; amended, T-102-4-24-07, April 24, 2007; amended April 11, 2008.)

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