

AN ACT concerning regulation.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Clinical Psychologist Licensing Act is amended by changing Section 10 as follows:

(225 ILCS 15/10) (from Ch. 111, par. 5360)

(Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2017)

Sec. 10. Qualifications of applicants; examination. The Department, except as provided in Section 11 of this Act, shall issue a license as a clinical psychologist to any person who pays an application fee and who:

(1) is at least 21 years of age; and has not engaged in conduct or activities which would constitute grounds for discipline under this Act;

(2) (blank);

(3) is a graduate of a doctoral program from a college, university or school accredited by the regional accrediting body which is recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation and is in the jurisdiction in which it is located for purposes of granting the doctoral degree and either:

(a) is a graduate of a doctoral program in clinical, school or counseling psychology either

accredited by the American Psychological Association or the Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System or approved by the Council for the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology or other national board recognized by the Board, and has completed 2 years of satisfactory supervised experience in clinical, school or counseling psychology at least one of which is an internship and one of which is postdoctoral; or

(b) holds a doctoral degree from a recognized college, university or school which the Department, through its rules, establishes as being equivalent to a clinical, school or counseling psychology program and has completed at least one course in each of the following 7 content areas, in actual attendance at a recognized university, college or school whose graduates would be eligible for licensure under this Act: scientific and professional ethics, biological basis of behavior, cognitive-affective basis of behavior, social basis of behavior, individual differences, assessment, and treatment modalities; and has completed 2 years of satisfactory supervised experience in clinical, school or counseling psychology, at least one of which is an internship and one of which is postdoctoral; or

(c) holds a doctorate in psychology or in a program

whose content is psychological in nature from an accredited college, university or school not meeting the standards of paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection (3) and provides evidence of the completion of at least one course in each of the 7 content areas specified in paragraph (b) in actual attendance at a recognized university, school or college whose graduate would be eligible for licensure under this Act; and has completed an appropriate practicum, an internship or equivalent supervised clinical experience in an organized mental health care setting and 2 years of satisfactory supervised experience in clinical or counseling psychology, at least one of which is postdoctoral; and

(4) has passed an examination authorized by the Department to determine his or her fitness to receive a license.

Applicants for licensure under subsection (3) (a) and (3) (b) of this Section shall complete 2 years of satisfactory supervised experience, at least one of which shall be an internship and one of which shall be postdoctoral. A year of supervised experience is defined as not less than 1,750 hours obtained in not less than 50 weeks based on 35 hours per week for full-time work experience. Full-time supervised experience will be counted only if it is obtained in a single setting for a minimum of 6 months. Part-time and internship experience will

be counted only if it is 18 hours or more a week for a minimum of 9 months and is in a single setting. The internship experience required under subsection (3)(a) and (3)(b) of this Section shall be a minimum of 1,750 hours completed within 24 months.

Programs leading to a doctoral degree require minimally the equivalent of 3 full-time academic years of graduate study, at least 2 years of which are at the institution from which the degree is granted, and of which at least one year or its equivalent is in residence at the institution from which the degree is granted. Course work for which credit is given for life experience will not be accepted by the Department as fulfilling the educational requirements for licensure. Residence requires interaction with psychology faculty and other matriculated psychology students; one year's residence or its equivalent is defined as follows:

(a) 30 semester hours taken on a full-time or part-time basis at the institution accumulated within 24 months, or

(b) a minimum of 350 hours of student-faculty contact involving face-to-face individual or group courses or seminars accumulated within 18 months. Such educational meetings must include both faculty-student and student-student interaction, be conducted by the psychology faculty of the institution at least 90% of the time, be fully documented by the institution, and relate substantially to the program and course content. The

institution must clearly document how the applicant's performance is assessed and evaluated.

To meet the requirement for satisfactory supervised experience, under this Act the supervision must be performed pursuant to the order, control and full professional responsibility of a licensed clinical psychologist. The clients shall be the clients of the agency or supervisor rather than the supervisee. Supervised experience in which the supervisor receives monetary payment or other consideration from the supervisee or in which the supervisor is hired by or otherwise employed by the supervisee shall not be accepted by the Department as fulfilling the practicum, internship or 2 years of satisfactory supervised experience requirements for licensure.

Examinations for applicants under this Act shall be held at the direction of the Department from time to time but not less than once each year. The scope and form of the examination shall be determined by the Department.

Each applicant for a license who possesses the necessary qualifications therefor shall be examined by the Department, and shall pay to the Department, or its designated testing service, the required examination fee, which fee shall not be refunded by the Department.

Applicants have 3 years from the date of application to complete the application process. If the process has not been completed in 3 years, the application shall be denied, the fee

shall be forfeited, and the applicant must reapply and meet the requirements in effect at the time of reapplication.

An applicant has one year from the date of notification of successful completion of the examination to apply to the Department for a license. If an applicant fails to apply within one year, the applicant shall be required to take and pass the examination again unless licensed in another jurisdiction of the United States within one year of passing the examination.

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