

University of Michigan, PhD in Clinical Science

Consumer Disclosure Information

Educational Requirements for Licensure in Psychology

The Clinical Science PhD Program in the Department of Psychology at the University of Michigan (referred to as “our Program”) makes every effort to provide education that is compliant with national standards and to prepare students to practice clinical psychology. As recognition of our compliance with national standards, our Program is accredited by the American Psychological Association¹ (APA) and Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System (PCSAS). The practice of psychology, however, is regulated at the state level. State licensing authorities, commonly referred to as “State Boards,” determine the specific educational and training requirements for licensure in their state. Of note, many states require post-doctoral training as well as examinations beyond educational and training requirements. As such, a PhD degree from our Program in Clinical Science is not sufficient, in and of itself, to meet licensure requirements in most states.

If you are planning to pursue professional licensure or certification, it is strongly recommended that you contact the appropriate licensing entity in the state for which you are seeking licensure or certification to obtain information and guidance regarding licensure or certification requirements before beginning an academic program. Given that state requirements for licensure or certification vary and may change over time it is also strongly recommended that you review licensing or certification requirements as you get closer to seeking licensure or certification. You are encouraged to review the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards’ online tool, PsyBook (<http://psybook.asppb.org/>), which summarizes requirements for most states and territories. You are also encouraged to confirm state licensing requirements directly with the state you are interested in seeking licensure or certification.

The University of Michigan, to the best of its ability, determined that the curriculum offered by our Program meets – or does not meet – the educational requirements for licensure or certification to practice psychology in each of the states listed in Table 1. For states in which the Program’s educational offerings do not meet a specific state’s requirements for licensure or certification, students may be required to obtain alternate, different, or more courses, or more experiential or clinical hours required. These findings are accurate, to the best of our ability, as of June 19, 2024.

Note that in some jurisdictions, in addition to being licensed as a psychologist, an individual can obtain prescribing privileges. The University of Michigan’s program does NOT fulfill

¹ For further information about APA accreditation or specific information about the accreditation status of our PhD program, please contact the Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation, American Psychological Association 750 First Street, NE Washington, DC 20002-4242 202-336-5979, <http://www.accreditation.apa.org>

requirements for licensure as prescribing psychologists in those states and jurisdictions that allow for it. Typically, additional coursework in pharmacology is needed in addition to the doctoral degree.

The requirement for Consumer Information Disclosers comes from the U.S. Dept of Education, so this document only includes state-by-state requirements for licensure. Please see the ASBPP website for information about other U.S. territories and Canadian provinces.

Table 1

In the table below, an asterisk (*) indicates that earning a doctoral degree from a program accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA) is deemed to meet the educational requirements for licensure in that State. The Clinical Science PhD Program in the Department of Psychology at the University of Michigan is currently – and has been continuously – accredited by APA since 1948 (see: <http://www.accreditation.apa.org>). Please note that this table does **not** include an evaluation of state-specific requirements beyond that of educational or curricular requirements.

The Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System (PCSAS) is recognized in the laws and regulations of the following states: Arizona, California, Delaware, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Texas, Virginia. Minnesota & Pennsylvania are in the process of altering regulations to recognized PCSAS. A (+) indicates that a PCSAS accreditation deemed to meet doctoral requirements. U-M has been accredited with PCSAS since 2019 (see: <https://pcsas.org>).

State	Program Satisfies Curricular Requirements?			State Professional Association or License Authority and Notes
	Yes	No	Unable to Determine	
1. Alabama	X*			http://psychology.alabama.gov
2. Alaska	X*			https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardofPsychologists.aspx
3. Arizona	X*+			https://psychboard.az.gov/
4. Arkansas	X*			https://psychologyboard.arkansas.gov/
5. California		X+		https://www.psychology.ca.gov/ Although a doctoral degree from an accredited program like U-M is required, additional pre-licensure coursework includes: Human Sexuality (10 hours); Alcoholism/Chemical Dependency Detection and Treatment (completion of graduate level course of no less than a semester or a quarter term in length); Child Abuse Assessment (7 hours); Spousal or Partner Abuse Assessment, Detection, and Intervention Strategies (15 hours); Aging and Long-term Care (6 contact hours); Suicide Risk Assessment and Intervention (6 hours).
6. Colorado	X*			https://dpo.colorado.gov/Psychology
7. Connecticut	X*			https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Public-Health-Hearing-Office/Board-of-Examiners-of-Psychologists/Board-of-Examiners-of-Psychologists
8. Delaware	X*+			https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/psychology/
9. District of Columbia	X*			https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/psychology-licensing
10. Florida	X*			https://floridaspsychology.gov/ APA accredited program required for licensure.
11. Georgia	X*			https://sos.ga.gov/georgia-state-board-examiners-psychologists APA accredited program required for licensure.
12. Hawaii		X		http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/psychology/ Graduate level training requirements can be found here: https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/files/2024/04/Psychologist_03.24R.pdf
13. Idaho	X*			https://dopl.idaho.gov/psy/
14. Illinois	X*+			https://idfpr.illinois.gov/profs/psych.html
15. Indiana	X*			https://www.in.gov/pla/professions/psychology-home/
16. Iowa	X*			https://dial.iowa.gov/about/boards/psychology
17. Kansas	X*			https://ksbsrb.ks.gov/
18. Kentucky		X		http://psy.kv.gov

			<p>Educational requirements can be found here: https://psy.ky.gov/Documents/Application%20for%20Licensure%20as%20a%20Psychologist%20-%20October%202021.pdf Individual courses meet only one requirement – breath courses in Biological Bases of Behavior, Cognitive-Affect, Social, Individual Difference must be separate courses.</p>
19. Louisiana	X*		http://www.lsbep.org/
20. Maine	X*		https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/board-examiners-psychologists
21. Maryland	X*		https://health.maryland.gov/psych/Pages/Home.aspx
22. Massachusetts	X*		https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-registration-of-psychologists
23. Michigan	X*+		https://www.michigan.gov/lara/bureau-list/bpl/health/hp-lic-health-prof/psychology
24. Minnesota	X*		https://mn.gov/boards/psychology/
25. Mississippi	X*		https://www.psychologyboard.ms.gov/Pages/default.aspx APA accredited program required for licensure
26. Missouri	X*+		https://pr.mo.gov/psychologists.asp
27. Montana	X*		http://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/psy
28. Nebraska	X*		http://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Psychology.aspx
29. Nevada	X*		http://psvexam.nv.gov/
30. New Hampshire	X*		https://www.oplc.nh.gov/board-psychologists
31. New Jersey		X	<p>https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/psy/ In addition to a doctoral degree from an APA accredited program, New Jersey requires the following breakdown of credits and topic areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six (6) semester credits in Personality Theory and Human Development Theory; • Six (6) semester credits in Learning Theory and/or Physiological Psychology; • Six (6) semester credits in Psychological Measurement and Psychological Assessment; • Six (6) semester credits in Psychopathology; • Six (6) semester credits in Psychological therapy/counseling or Industrial/Organizational Psychology; and • Six (6) semester credits in Research and Statistical Design <p>An additional 20 credit hours specifically in the field of psychology, but which were not necessarily obtained as part of the doctoral program. They may have been granted at a pre-doctoral or post-doc graduate level and must have been obtained as part of a program at a regionally accredited institution. Six credits may be recognized for a dissertation which is psychological in nature, at the discretion of the Board. At its discretion, the Board may accept up to nine credits earned at a graduate level at a regionally accredited school or university to remediate a deficiency in the above requirements.</p>
32. New Mexico	X*+		https://www.rld.nm.gov/boards-and-commissions/individual-boards-and-commissions/psychologist-examiners/
33. New York		X*+	<p>http://www.op.nysed.gov/psychology Satisfy the Child Abuse Identification Reporting requirement by completing coursework or training in the identification and reporting of child abuse in accordance with Section 6507(3)(a) of the Education Law. See additional information and a list of approved providers for this training.</p>
34. North Carolina	X*		http://www.ncpsychologyboard.org/
35. North Dakota	X*		https://www.ndsbpe.org/ APA accredited program required for licensure
36. Ohio	X		https://psychology.ohio.gov/
37. Oklahoma		X	https://www.ok.gov/psychology/

				<p>-Each breadth course may be counted only once. See here for details: https://www.ok.gov/psychology/Applicants/Resource_Guide_to_Application_Requirements/index.html Oklahoma requires the following breakdown of credits and topic areas. You must have a minimum of 3 or more graduate semester hours in each of the following substantive content areas, for a total of 21 hours:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three (3) semester credits in Scientific and professional ethics and standards • Three (3) semester credits in Research design and methodology • Three (3) semester credits in Statistics and psychometrics • Three (3) semester credits in Biological bases of behavior • Three (3) semester credits in Cognitive-affective bases of behavior • Three (3) semester credits in Social bases of behavior • Three (3) semester credits in Individual differences
38. Oregon	X*			https://www.oregon.gov/psychology/pages/index.aspx
39. Pennsylvania	X*			https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Psychology/Pages/default.aspx#.VgG6GN9VhBc
40. Rhode Island	X*			https://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=241
41. South Carolina	X*			https://lir.sc.gov/psych/
42. South Dakota		X		https://dss.sd.gov/licensingboards/psych/psych.aspx Minimum of three credits are required in each area: no course should be counted for more than one area: Scientific/Professional Ethics and Standards; Research Design and Methodology; Statistics and Psychometrics; Biological Aspects of Behavior; Cognitive-Affective Aspects of Behavior; Social Aspects of Behavior; Individual Differences; Specialty Coursework https://dss.sd.gov/docs/licensing/psych/applications_and_forms/Required_Coursework_Example_Sheet.pdf
43. Tennessee	X			https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/psychology-board/psych-board/about.html
44. Texas	X+			https://bhec.texas.gov/texas-state-board-of-examiners-of-psychologists/
45. Utah	X*			https://dopl.utah.gov/psychology/ APA accredited program required
46. Vermont	X*			https://sos.vermont.gov/
47. Virginia	X*+			http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Boards/Psychology/
48. Washington	X*			https://doh.wa.gov/licenses-permits-and-certificates/professions-new-renew-or-update/psychologist
49. West Virginia	X			https://psychbd.wv.gov/Pages/default.aspx
50. Wisconsin	X			https://dsps.wi.gov/pages/Professions/Psychologist/Default.aspx
51. Wyoming	X*			https://psychology.wyo.gov/