

Clinical Psychology @ John Jay College

CUNY Graduate Center

Consumer Disclosure Information

Educational Requirements for Licensure in Psychology

The PhD Program in Clinical Psychology @ John Jay/the Graduate Center of the City University of New York 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 Association. 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 Clinical Psychology @ John Jay/the Graduate Center 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 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 (<https://www.asppb.net/page/psybook>), which summarizes requirements for most states and territories. You are also encouraged to directly confirm state licensing requirements directly with the state in which you are interested in seeking licensure or certification.

Clinical Psychology @ John Jay/the Graduate Center, 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 30, 2020.

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 PhD Program in Clinical Psychology @ John Jay/the Graduate Center is currently accredited by APA (see: http://www.apa.org/ed/accreditation). Please note that this table does not include an evaluation of state-specific requirements beyond that of educational or curricular requirements. Students are encouraged to visit the below websites to learn about non-curricular requirements.				
State	Program Satisfies Curricular Requirements?			State Professional Association or License Authority and Notes
	Yes	No	Unable to Determine	
1. Alabama	X*			http://www.psychology.alabama.gov/default.aspx
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/ <i>Although a doctoral degree in Clinical is required, additional coursework or experience beyond what is routinely offered by Clinical Psychology @ John Jay/the Graduate Center may be required in California, including pre-license curriculum or training in: human sexuality (10 contact hours); alcoholism/chemical dependency detection and treatment (one semester or quarter); child abuse assessment (7 hours); spousal/partner abuse, detection and intervention strategies (15 contact hours); aging and long-term care (10 contact hours).</i>
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/
11. Georgia	X			https://sos.ga.gov/index.php/licensing/plb/44
12. Hawaii	X*			http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/psychology/
13. Idaho	X*			https://ibol.idaho.gov/IBOL/BoardPage.aspx?Bureau=PSY
14. Illinois	X*			https://www.idfpr.com/profs/psych.asp
15. Indiana	X*			https://www.in.gov/pla/psych.htm
16. Iowa	X*			https://www.idph.iowa.gov/Licensure/Iowa-Board-of-Psychology
17. Kansas	X*			https://ksbsrb.ks.gov/
18. Kentucky		X		http://psy.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx <i>The Kentucky licensing board requires a Practicum in Assessment; Clinical @ JJ student usually complete an assessment practicum. Students wishing to become licensed in Kentucky should complete an assessment practicum.</i>
19. Louisiana	X			http://www.lsbep.org/
20. Maine	X*			https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/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/0,4601,7-154-89334_72600_72603_27529_27552---,00.html

				NOTE: Beginning in March 30, 2022, a one-time training in identifying victims of human trafficking must be completed before licensure
24. Minnesota	X*			http://www.psychologyboard.state.mn.us/
25. Mississippi	X*			https://www.psychologyboard.ms.gov/Pages/default.aspx
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://psyexam.nv.gov/
30. New Hampshire	X*			https://www.oplc.nh.gov/psychologists/
31. New Jersey		X		<p>https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/psy/</p> <p>In addition to a doctoral degree from an APA accredited program like Clinical Psychology @ John Jay/the Graduate Center, New Jersey requires the following breakdown of credits and topic areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 semester credits in Personality Theory and Human Development Theory – <i>both met by Clinical @ JJ</i> • 6 semester credits in Learning Theory and/or Physiological Psychology – <i>see note below</i> • 6 semester credits in Psychological Measurement and Psychological Assessment – <i>both met by Clinical @ JJ</i> • 6 semester credits in Psychopathology – <i>see note below</i> • 6 semester credits in Psychological therapy/counseling or I/O Psychology – <i>met by Clinical @ JJ</i> • 6 semester credits in Research and Statistical Design – <i>both met by Clinical @ JJ</i> <p>Note: Please note that of these requirements, Clinical @ JJ does not require a course in Learning Theory, and only requires 3 credits of Psychopathology. Students who plan to be licensed in NJ may take these two additional courses as electives.</p>
32. New Mexico	X*			http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/Psychologist_Examiners.aspx
33. New York	X			<p>http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/psych/</p> <p>In addition to a doctoral degree, New York requires the following breakdown of credits and topic areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 semester credits in biological bases of behavior • 3 semester credits in cognitive-affective bases of behavior • 3 semester credits in social bases of behavior • 3 semester credits in individual differences • 3 semester credits in psychometrics • 3 semester credits in history and systems of psychology • 3 semester credits in research design, methodology, and statistics
34. North Carolina	X*			http://www.ncpsychologyboard.org/
35. North Dakota	X*			http://ndsbpe.org/index.html
36. Ohio	X*			https://psychology.ohio.gov/
37. Oklahoma	X			https://www.ok.gov/psychology/
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://llr.sc.gov/psych/
42. South Dakota	X*			https://dss.sd.gov/licensingboards/psych/psych.aspx

43. Tennessee	X*			https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/psychology-board/psych-board/about.html
44. Texas	X			http://www.tsbep.texas.gov/index.php
45. Utah	X*			https://dopl.utah.gov/psych/index.html
46. Vermont	X*			https://sos.vermont.gov/
47. Virginia	X*			http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/psychology/
48. Washington	X*			https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/Psychologist.aspx
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/