

Academic Program Professional Licensure Disclosures

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The University of Iowa makes every effort to ensure state licensure or certification information is current; however, state requirements may change. If you are planning to pursue professional licensure or certification, it is strongly recommended that you contact the appropriate licensing entity in that state to seek information and guidance regarding licensure or certification requirements before beginning an academic program.

For more information on professional licensure preparation in clinical psychology, please contact Dr. Molly Nikolas at molly-nikolas@uiowa.edu.

The doctoral program in Clinical Psychology at the University of Iowa is accredited by APA (American Psychological Association) and PCSAS (Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System). APA accreditation is recognized in all 50 states as providing required education for psychology license eligibility. State Boards of Psychology determine training requirements for licensure and typically include post-doctoral training as well as examinations beyond the educational requirements so a doctoral degree from the University of Iowa in Clinical Psychology is not sufficient alone to meet licensure requirements in most states. Students should confirm state licensing requirements directly with the state they are interested in licensure.

Educational requirements are only one component of the licensure requirements in psychology. Licensure in psychology generally requires all the following:

- (1) Completion of a doctoral degree in an approved education program. APA accredited programs are recognized in all states although some states impose additional education and training requirements (see below)
- (2) Completion of an accredited internship (Association of Psychology and Postdoctoral Internship Centers) accredited full-time one-year internship. Internship is a requirement for the degree if you are in an APA accredited program such as Iowa and APPIC and the National Matching Service coordinates a nationwide internship match for students each year. Requirements at the University of Iowa require completion of an APA-accredited internship as do many employers (e.g., Veterans Administration).
- (3) Completion of a post-doctoral supervised experience under the appropriate license or registration for the state you are located in (generally 1500-2000 hours). Note, several states do NOT require any post-doctoral hours.
- (4) Passing score on the national licensing exam, the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology or EPPP and passage of any additional written or oral state examinations required
- (5) complete any additional requirements for the state you are seeking licensure in (typically background checks and credential verifications but some states have some specific training requirements as well).

The University of Iowa produces graduates who are successfully licensed in many states. No Iowa graduate has been turned down for licensure due to insufficiencies in the education and training Iowa provides but as noted above some states do have additional training and education requirements and most states have post-doctoral clinical supervision requirements as well.

Below is a state-by-state listing of our recent understanding of educational requirements based largely on the annual review by ASPPB to give you a general idea of how well Iowa fits with the educational requirements of each state. You should directly check the web sites of the State Licensing Board you are interested in for the most accurate and up to date information on educational and other requirements for licensure as there is no guarantee that our summary or ASPPB's is entirely accurate and up to date.

State and U.S. Territory Licensing Boards

Alabama

Board of Examiners in Psychology <http://psychology.alabama.gov/>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology--accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Alabama educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

Alaska

The Board of Psychologists and Psychological Associate Examiners

<https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardofPsychologists.aspx>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology--accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Alaska educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

American Samoa

Board of Psychology <https://www.americansamoa.gov/>

<https://asbar.org/regulation/31-0424-additional-qualifications/>

Completion of the University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology --accredited by APA and PCSAS--meets American Samoa educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

Arizona

Board of Psychologist Examiners <https://psychboard.az.gov/verification-license>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology--accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Arizona educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

Arkansas

Psychology Board <https://www.ark.org/abep/index.html>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology--accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Arkansas educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

California*

Board of Psychology <https://www.psychology.ca.gov/>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology accredited by APA and PCSAS does not meet California educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist. California accepts accredited programs like University of Iowa's program to meet educational degree requirements; but California also requires additional specific coursework or continuing education training prior to licensure. Specifically, CA licensure requires 10 hours of training in human sexuality, 7 hours of training in child abuse assessment, 15 hours in spousal/partner abuse, detection and intervention strategies, 10 hours in aging and long-term care, and 1 semester or 1 quarter term course in alcoholism/chemical dependency detection and treatment. Students wishing to become licensed in California are advised to work with the University of Iowa program to tailor their electives to meet these additional training requirements. While University of Iowa's clinical psychology program does not require this content per se, there are many electives at University of Iowa and community training events across the university that are available for students to assist them in preparing for licensure in California.

Colorado

Department of Regulatory Agencies Division of Professions and Occupations <https://dpo.colorado.gov/Psychology>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology-- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Colorado educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist candidate. Psychologist candidate is a pre-exam steppingstone to full psychologist in Colorado.

Connecticut

State Department of Public Health. <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Practitioner-Licensing--Investigations/Psychology/Psychologist-Licensure>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology--accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Connecticut educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

Delaware

Division of Professional Regulation Board of Examiners of Psychologists <https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/psychology/>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology--accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Delaware educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

District of Columbia

DC Health Board of Psychology <https://dchealth.dc.gov/node/160282>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology-- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets District of Columbia educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

Florida

Board of Psychology <https://floridapsychology.gov/>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology-- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Florida educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

Georgia

Board of Psychology. <https://sos.ga.gov/index.php/licensing/plb/44>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology--accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Georgia educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

Guam

Board of Psychology, <http://www.guamcourts.org/CompilerofLaws/GCA/10gca/10gc012B.PDF>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology--accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Guam educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

Hawaii

Department of Commerce and Human Affairs Professional & Vocational Licensing Division Board of Psychology <http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/psychology/>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology--accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Hawaii educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

Idaho

Board of Psychologist Examiners <https://ibol.idaho.gov/IBOL/BoardPage.aspx?Bureau=PSY>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology-- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Idaho educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

Illinois

Clinical Psychologists Licensing and Disciplinary Board <https://www.idfpr.com/profs/Boards/PSY.asp>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology--accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Illinois educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

Indiana

State Psychology Board <https://www.in.gov/pla/psych.htm>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology--accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Indiana educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

Iowa

Board of Psychology <https://idph.iowa.gov/Licensure/Iowa-Board-of-Psychology>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology--accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Iowa educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

Kansas

Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board <https://ksbsrb.ks.gov/>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology--accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Kansas educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

Kentucky

Public Protection Cabinet Office of Occupations and Professions Board of Psychology

<http://psy.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology--accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Kentucky educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

Louisiana

State Board of Examiners of Psychologists <http://www.lsbep.org/>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology--accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Louisiana educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

Maine

Board of Examiners of Psychologists

<https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/psychologists/index.html>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology-- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Maine educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

Maryland

Department of Health Board of Examiners of Psychologists <https://health.maryland.gov/psych/Pages/home.aspx>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology--accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Maryland educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

Massachusetts

Board of Registration of Psychologists <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-registration-of-psychologists>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology--accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Massachusetts educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

Michigan*

Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Board of Psychology https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-89334_72603_72603_27529_27552---,00.html

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology accredited by APA and PCSAS does not meet Michigan educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist. Michigan accepts accredited programs like University of Iowa's program to meet educational degree requirements; but Michigan also requires additional specific coursework or continuing education training prior to licensure. Specifically, Michigan requires additional training in identifying victims of human trafficking before being approved for licensure. See Michigan admin code R.338-2525 for several possibilities that meet this requirement ranging from reading an article to taking a continuing education workshop <https://casetext.com/regulation/michigan-administrative-code/department-licensing-and-regulatory-affairs/bureau-of->

[professional-licensing/board-of-psychology/board-of-psychology-general-rules/part-1-general-provisions/section-r-3382525-training-standards-for-identifying-victims-of-human-trafficking-requirements.](https://www.mn.gov/boards/psychology/)

Minnesota

Board of Psychology <https://mn.gov/boards/psychology/>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology--accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Minnesota educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

Mississippi

Board of Psychology <https://www.psychologyboard.ms.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology-- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Mississippi educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

Missouri

Division of Professional Registration Committee of Psychologists <https://pr.mo.gov/psychologists.asp>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology--- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Missouri educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

Montana

Department of Labor & Industry Board of Psychology <http://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/psy>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology-accredited by APA and PCSAS--meets Montana educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

Nebraska

Department of Health & Human Services Psychology <http://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Psychology.aspx>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Nebraska educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

Nevada

Board of Psychological Examiners <http://psyexam.nv.gov/>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Nevada educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

New Hampshire

Board of Psychologists <https://www.oplc.nh.gov/psychologists/>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets New Hampshire educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

New Jersey*

New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs State Board of Psychological Affairs

<https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/psy/Pages/default.aspx>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology- accredited by APA and PCSAS—does not meet New Jersey educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist. New Jersey requires 6 doctoral credit hours in the following domains: 1) Personality Theory and Human Development Theory; 2) Learning Theory and/or Physiological Psychology; 3) Psychological Measurement and Psychological Assessment; 4) Psychopathology; 5) Psychological therapy/counseling or Industrial/Organizational Psychology; and 6) Research and Statistical Design. Graduates of Iowa's program may need an additional 3 credit hours of coursework in personality/human development, but our current curriculum likely meets course requirements in other domains. New Jersey does not specify that they accept APA accreditation without additional course review. Therefore, students intending to apply for licensure in New Jersey are advised to work closely with Iowa's Director of Clinical Training to choose electives available at the University of Iowa that will meet New York's requirements.

New Mexico

Psychologist Examiners http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/Psychologist_Examiners.aspx

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets New Mexico educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

New York*

Office of the Professions: Psychology <http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/psych/>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology accredited by APA and PCSAS does not meet New York educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist. New York's required coursework includes at least three graduate semester hours or five graduate quarter hours in each of the following seven substantive content areas: biological basis of behavior; cognitive-affective basis of behavior; social basis of behavior; individual differences; psychometrics; history and systems of psychology; and research design, methodology, and statistics. New York also requires coursework in professional ethics and cultural and ethnic diversity. University of Iowa's program is aligned with the most up-to-date standards of APA accreditation which does not require coverage of these areas in separate courses. University of Iowa does require three semester hours in individual differences (psychopathology), biological bases of behavior, social basis of behavior and in research design, methodology and statistics. However, the program at Iowa does not require a separate course for the remaining content areas. New York does not specify that they accept APA accreditation without additional course review. Therefore, students intending to apply for licensure in New York are advised to work closely with Iowa's Director of Clinical Training to choose electives available at the University of Iowa that will meet New York's requirements.

North Carolina

Psychology Board <http://www.ncpsychologyboard.org/>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets North Carolina educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

North Dakota

State Board of Psychology Examiners <http://www.ndsbpe.org/index.html>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology accredited by APA and PCSAS meets North Dakota educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

Northern Mariana Islands

Psychology Board <https://www.cnmilicensing.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Part-4900-Psychologist.pdf>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Northern Mariana Island educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

Ohio

Board of Psychology <https://psychology.ohio.gov/>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Ohio educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

Oklahoma

State Board of Examiners of Psychologists <https://www.ok.gov/psychology/>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Oklahoma educational requirements to apply for licensure as a Practice Under Supervision Psychologist (Institutional or Private Practice). Completion of post-doctoral supervision is required to apply for the psychologist license.

Oregon

Board of Psychology. <https://www.oregon.gov/psychology/pages/index.aspx>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Oregon educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

Pennsylvania

State Board of Psychology

<https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Psychology/Pages/default.aspx>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Pennsylvania educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

Puerto Rico

Board of Psychology: <https://casetext.com/statute/laws-of-puerto-rico/title-twenty-examining-boards-and-professional-colleges/chapter-103-board-of-examiners-of-psychologists/3213-license-examination>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Puerto Rico educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

Rhode Island

Department of Health: Psychology <https://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=241>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Rhode Island educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

South Carolina

Labor Licensing Regulation Board of Examiners in Psychology <https://llr.sc.gov/psych/>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets South Carolina educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

South Dakota

Board of Examiners of Psychologists <https://dss.sd.gov/licensingboards/psych/psych.aspx>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets South Dakota educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

Tennessee

Department of Health: Board of Examiners of Psychology <https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/psychology-board.html>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Tennessee educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

Texas

Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists <https://www.tsbep.texas.gov/>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology- accredited by APA and PCSAS meets Texas educational requirements to apply for licensure as a provisional psychologist. Provisional Psychologist is a pre-requisite to full psychologist in Texas.

Utah

Department of Commerce Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing: Psychology

<https://dopl.utah.gov/psych/>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Utah educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

U.S. Virgin Islands

Board of Psychology Examiners <http://usvippsychologyboard.com/>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets U.S. Virgin Islands educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

Vermont

Board of Psychological Examiners https://governor.vermont.gov/boards_and_commissions/psychological_examiners

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Vermont educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

Virginia

Department of Health Professions Board of Psychology <https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Psychology/>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Virginia educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

Washington

Examining Board of Psychology

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/Psychologist/BoardInformation>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Washington educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

West Virginia

Board of Examiners of Psychologists <https://psychbd.wv.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets West Virginia educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

Wisconsin

Department of Safety and Professional Services: Psychologist

<https://dsps.wi.gov/Pages/Professions/Psychologist/Default.aspx>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Wisconsin educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

Wyoming

Wyoming Mental Health Professions Licensing Board <https://mentalhealth.wyo.gov/home>

Completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Wyoming educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

As of August 2024, we are unable to determine if completion of University of Iowa's doctoral program in clinical psychology meets educational requirements in the following U.S. territories: Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau.