

**Special Notice from the State Board of Psychology (Board)**  
**Act 53 of 2016**  
**Supervised Experience Requirement**  
**January 31, 2019**

Act 53 of 2016 eliminated the requirement that at least one year of supervised experience be obtained subsequent to the granting of the doctoral degree. The Professional Psychologists Practice Act requires “not less than two years of supervised experience, provided that such is acceptable to the board pursuant to criteria established by board regulations”. At the present time, the Board accepts the predoctoral internship as the first year of supervised experience. The second year is completed after the completion of the predoctoral internship.

The Board may, however, accept supervised experience completed prior to the predoctoral internship, so long as it meets the Board’s experience requirements currently found at §§ 41.32 and 41.33 of the regulations. ***If an applicant is requesting acceptance of supervised experience completed prior to the predoctoral internship, the Board must receive completed Verification of Supervised Experience form(s) and attachments which must be reviewed by the Board.***

Please be advised that the Board is currently reviewing its regulations and will make necessary changes to its regulations to further define the requirements for the supervised experience.

**UPDATE**

At its August 12, 2019 meeting, the Board voted to waive §41.32 of the Board’s regulations for applicants who began a doctoral program accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA) on or after the fall semester of 2015.

Therefore, graduates of APA accredited doctoral programs who began their doctoral program on or after the fall semester of 2015, are not required to submit documentation of supervised experience because the Board has determined that APA accredited doctoral programs require successful completion of 2 years of supervised experience as part of the doctoral program.

***Additional clarification from the Board’s October 7, 2019 meeting: Although the Board has waived §41.32 of the Board’s regulations for applicants who began an APA accredited doctoral program on or after the fall semester of 2015, the Board must receive a letter directly from the doctoral program’s Director of Clinical Training which identifies the amount of practicum that was completed (number of months and number of hours for each practicum experience) to confirm that the applicant has completed at least 12 months and at least 1750 hours of practicum experience. An applicant that has NOT completed at least 12 months and at least 1750 hours of practicum experience would be required to complete additional supervised experience prior to the issuance of the license.***