

# UW PhD Program in Clinical Psychology

## Consumer Disclosure Information

### **Educational Requirements for Licensure in Psychology**

The Clinical Psychology PhD Program in the Department of Psychology at the University of Washington is designed to achieve an integration of academic, scientific, and professional training. As recognition of our compliance with national standards, the UW Program is accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA; <http://www.apa.org/ed/accreditation>) through 2027 and the Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System (PCSAS; <http://www.pcsas.org>) through 2028.

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 the UW Program in Clinical Psychology 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 (<https://www.asppb.net/page/psybook>), which summarizes requirements for most states and territories. You are also encouraged to confirm state licensing requirements directly with the state in which you are interested in seeking licensure or certification.

To the best of our ability, we have 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, territories, and district 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 or additional courses or more experiential or clinical hours. These findings are accurate, to the best of our ability, as of December 23, 2024.

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 Psychology PhD Program in the Department of Psychology at the University of Washington is currently accredited by APA – and has been continuously since 1948 (see: <a href="http://www.apa.org/ed/accreditation">http://www.apa.org/ed/accreditation</a> ). Please note that this table does <b>not</b> include an evaluation of state-specific requirements beyond that of educational or curricular requirements.			
State	Program Satisfies Curricular Requirements?		State Professional Association or License Authority and Notes
	Yes	No	
1. Alabama	X*		<a href="https://psychology.alabama.gov/applicants/psychologists/">https://psychology.alabama.gov/applicants/psychologists/</a>
2. Alaska	X*		<a href="https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardofPsychologists.aspx">https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardofPsychologists.aspx</a>
3. Arizona	X*		<a href="https://psychboard.az.gov/">https://psychboard.az.gov/</a>
4. Arkansas	X*		<a href="https://psychologyboard.arkansas.gov/">https://psychologyboard.arkansas.gov/</a>
5. California		X	<a href="https://www.psychology.ca.gov/">https://www.psychology.ca.gov/</a> In addition to a doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology, additional coursework or experience beyond what is routinely offered at the UW Clinical Psychology PhD Program 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); and suicide risk assessment and intervention.
6. Colorado	X*		<a href="https://dpo.colorado.gov/Psychology">https://dpo.colorado.gov/Psychology</a>
7. Connecticut	X*		<a href="https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Public-Health-Hearing-Office/Board-of-Examiners-of-Psychologists/Board-of-Examiners-of-Psychologists">https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Public-Health-Hearing-Office/Board-of-Examiners-of-Psychologists/Board-of-Examiners-of-Psychologists</a>
8. Delaware	X*		<a href="https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/psychology/">https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/psychology/</a>
9. Florida	X*		<a href="https://floridaspsychology.gov/">https://floridaspsychology.gov/</a>
10. Georgia	X		<a href="https://sos.ga.gov/index.php/licensing/plb/44">https://sos.ga.gov/index.php/licensing/plb/44</a>
11. Hawaii	X*		<a href="http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/psychology/">http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/psychology/</a>
12. Idaho	X*		<a href="https://ibol.idaho.gov/IBOL/BoardPage.aspx?Bureau=PSY">https://ibol.idaho.gov/IBOL/BoardPage.aspx?Bureau=PSY</a>
13. Illinois	X*		<a href="https://www.idfpr.com/profs/psych.asp">https://www.idfpr.com/profs/psych.asp</a>
14. Indiana	X*		<a href="https://www.in.gov/pla/professions/psychology-home/">https://www.in.gov/pla/professions/psychology-home/</a>
15. Iowa	X*		<a href="https://dial.iowa.gov/licenses/medical/mental-health/psychology">https://dial.iowa.gov/licenses/medical/mental-health/psychology</a>
16. Kansas	X*		<a href="https://ksbsrb.ks.gov/">https://ksbsrb.ks.gov/</a>
17. Kentucky	X		<a href="https://psy.ky.gov/New_Default.aspx">https://psy.ky.gov/New_Default.aspx</a>
18. Louisiana	X*		<a href="http://www.lsbep.org/">http://www.lsbep.org/</a>
19. Maine	X*		<a href="https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/psychologists/">https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/psychologists/</a>
20. Maryland	X*		<a href="https://health.maryland.gov/psych/Pages/Home.aspx">https://health.maryland.gov/psych/Pages/Home.aspx</a>
21. Massachusetts	X		<a href="https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-registration-of-psychologists">https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-registration-of-psychologists</a>
22. Michigan	X		<a href="https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-89334_72600_72603_27529_27552---,00.html">https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-89334_72600_72603_27529_27552---,00.html</a> NOTE: Continuing education requirements (postdoctoral) present.
23. Minnesota	X*		<a href="https://mn.gov/boards/psychology/applicants/forms/">https://mn.gov/boards/psychology/applicants/forms/</a>

24. Mississippi	X*		<a href="https://www.psychologyboard.ms.gov/Pages/default.aspx">https://www.psychologyboard.ms.gov/Pages/default.aspx</a>
25. Missouri	X		<a href="https://pr.mo.gov/psychologists.asp">https://pr.mo.gov/psychologists.asp</a>
26. Montana	X*		<a href="http://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/psy">http://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/psy</a>
27. Nebraska	X*		<a href="http://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Psychology.aspx">http://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Psychology.aspx</a>
28. Nevada	X*		<a href="http://psyexam.nv.gov/">http://psyexam.nv.gov/</a>
29. New Hampshire	X*		<a href="https://www.oplc.nh.gov/applications-psychologists">https://www.oplc.nh.gov/applications-psychologists</a>
30. New Jersey		X	<p><a href="https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/psy/">https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/psy/</a></p> <p>In addition to a doctoral degree from an APA accredited program like the UW Clinical Psychology PhD Program, New Jersey requires the following breakdown of credits and topic areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Six (6) semester credits in Personality Theory and Human Development Theory;</li> <li>• Six (6) semester credits in Learning Theory and/or Physiological Psychology;</li> <li>• Six (6) semester credits in Psychological Measurement and Psychological Assessment;</li> <li>• Six (6) semester credits in Psychopathology;</li> <li>• Six (6) semester credits in Psychological therapy/counseling or Industrial/Organizational Psychology; and</li> <li>• Six (6) semester credits in Research and Statistical Design</li> </ul>
31. New Mexico	X*		<a href="http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/Psychologist_Examiners.aspx">http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/Psychologist_Examiners.aspx</a>
32. New York		X	<p><a href="https://www.op.nysed.gov/professions/psychology/license-requirements">https://www.op.nysed.gov/professions/psychology/license-requirements</a></p> <p>In addition to a doctoral degree from a program like the UW Clinical Psychology PhD Program, New York requires coursework in the following (partially but not entirely overlapping with UW curriculum): research, ethical and legal standards, individual and cultural diversity, professional values, attitudes and behaviors, communication and interpersonal skills, assessment and diagnosis, intervention, supervision, consultation and interprofessional/interdisciplinary skills, as well as coursework or training on Child Abuse Identification Reporting.</p>
33. North Carolina	X*		<a href="http://www.ncpsychologyboard.org/">http://www.ncpsychologyboard.org/</a>
34. North Dakota	X*		<a href="https://www.ndsbpe.org/licensee%20Fapp-lic-instruct.asp">https://www.ndsbpe.org/licensee%20Fapp-lic-instruct.asp</a>
35. Ohio	X*		<a href="https://psychology.ohio.gov/">https://psychology.ohio.gov/</a>
36. Oklahoma	X		<a href="https://www.ok.gov/psychology/">https://www.ok.gov/psychology/</a>
37. Oregon	X*		<a href="https://www.oregon.gov/psychology/pages/index.aspx">https://www.oregon.gov/psychology/pages/index.aspx</a>
38. Pennsylvania	X*		<a href="https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Psychology/Pages/default.aspx#.VgG6GN9VhBc">https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Psychology/Pages/default.aspx#.VgG6GN9VhBc</a>
39. Rhode Island	X*		<a href="https://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=241">https://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=241</a>
40. South Carolina	X*		<a href="https://lir.sc.gov/psych/">https://lir.sc.gov/psych/</a>
41. South Dakota	X*		<a href="https://dss.sd.gov/licensingboards/psych/psych.aspx">https://dss.sd.gov/licensingboards/psych/psych.aspx</a>
42. Tennessee	X*		<a href="https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/psychology-board/psych-board/about.html">https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/psychology-board/psych-board/about.html</a>
43. Texas	X*		<a href="http://www.tsbep.texas.gov/index.php">http://www.tsbep.texas.gov/index.php</a>
44. Utah	X*		<a href="https://dopl.utah.gov/psych/index.html">https://dopl.utah.gov/psych/index.html</a>
45. Vermont	X*		<a href="https://sos.vermont.gov/">https://sos.vermont.gov/</a>
46. Virginia	X		<a href="http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/psychology/">http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/psychology/</a>
47. Washington	X*		<a href="https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/Psychologist.aspx">https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/Psychologist.aspx</a>
48. West Virginia	X		<a href="https://psychbd.wv.gov/Pages/default.aspx">https://psychbd.wv.gov/Pages/default.aspx</a>
49. Wisconsin	X		<a href="https://dsps.wi.gov/pages/Professions/Psychologist/Default.aspx">https://dsps.wi.gov/pages/Professions/Psychologist/Default.aspx</a>
50. Wyoming	X*		<a href="https://psychology.wyo.gov/">https://psychology.wyo.gov/</a>
51. District of Columbia	X		<a href="https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/psychology-licensing">https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/psychology-licensing</a>
52. American Samoa		X	<a href="https://asbar.org/regulation/31-0421-license-required/">https://asbar.org/regulation/31-0421-license-required/</a>

53. Guam	X		<a href="https://guamhpo.org/boards-commissions/hplo/guam-board-allied-health-examiners">https://guamhpo.org/boards-commissions/hplo/guam-board-allied-health-examiners</a>
54. Puerto Rico		X	