

Consumer Disclosure Information

Educational Requirements for Licensure in Psychology Counseling Psychology Program University of Tennessee Knoxville

The Counseling Psychology Ph.D. Program in the Department of Psychology at the University of Tennessee Knoxville (referred to as “our Program”) makes every effort to provide education that is compliant with national standards, and to prepare students to practice counseling psychology. As recognition of our compliance with national standards, our Program is accredited by the American Psychological Association¹. 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 Ph.D. degree from our Program in Counseling 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 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 these requirements as you get closer to seeking licensure or certification. You are encouraged to consult the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards’ online tool, PsyBook (<https://www.psybook.asppb.org/>) which summarizes requirements for most states and territories. You are also encouraged to confirm licensing requirements directly with the state from which you are interested in seeking licensure or certification.

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

The University of Tennessee Knoxville, 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 10, 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 Counseling Psychology Ph.D. Program in the Department of Psychology at the University of Tennessee Knoxville is currently – and has been continuously – accredited by APA since 1980 (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.				
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
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 in Counseling Psychology is required, additional coursework or experience beyond what is routinely offered at the Counseling Psychology PhD Program at the University of Tennessee Knoxville may be required in California, including pre-license curriculum or training in: human sexuality, alcoholism/chemical dependency detection and treatment, child abuse assessment, spousal/partner abuse and detection and intervention strategies, aging and long-term care, and suicide risk intervention and assessment.
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://floridapsychology.gov
11. Georgia	X			https://sos.ga.gov/licensing-division-applications
12. Hawaii	X*			http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/psychology/
13. Idaho	X*			https://dopl.idaho.gov/licensing/
14. Illinois	X*			https://idfpr.illinois.gov/profs/psych.html
15. Indiana	X*			https://www.in.gov/pla/psych.htm

16. Iowa	X*			https://dial.iowa.gov/i-need/licenses/medical/mental-health/psychology
17. Kansas	X*			https://ksbsrb.ks.gov/
18. Kentucky	X*			http://psy.ky.gov
19. Louisiana	X			http://www.lsbep.org/
20. Maine		X		https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/board-examiners-psychologists In addition to a doctoral degree from an APA accredited program like the Clinical Psychology PhD Program at the University of Tennessee Knoxville, Maine requires 3 hours coursework in family/intimate partner violence – may be taken at the post-doctoral level.
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. Implicit Bias Training– Beginning June 1, 2022, completion of 2 hours of implicit bias training within the 5 years immediately preceding issuance of the license or registration is required.
24. Minnesota	X*			https://mn.gov/boards/psychology/
25. Mississippi	X*			https://www.psychologyboard.ms.gov/
26. Missouri	X*			https://pr.mo.gov/psychologists.asp HB 1719 was passed during the 2018 legislative session and signed into law. The bill included language that amended section 337.718.1 RSMo requiring certain health care professionals to complete at least two hours of training in suicide assessment, referral, treatment, and management training , as a condition of initial licensure. The provision went into effective August 28, 2018. After January 1, 2019 an applicant for initial licensure as a Psychologist must maintain documentation of complying with this provision. The aforementioned two (2) hours can be part of the graduate course of study or obtained through self-study.
27. Montana	X*			http://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/psy
28. Nebraska	X*			https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Psychology.aspx
29. Nevada	X*			http://psyexam.nv.gov/
30. New Hampshire	X*			https://www.oplc.nh.gov/professional-licensing
31. New Jersey		X		https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/psy/ In addition to a doctoral degree from an APA accredited program like the Clinical Psychology PhD Program at the University of Tennessee Knoxville, New Jersey requires the following breakdown of credits and topic areas, some of which the University of Tennessee Knoxville does not require: <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
32. New Mexico	X*			https://www.rld.nm.gov/boards-and-commissions/individual-boards-and-commissions/psychologist-examiners/faqs/
33. New York		X		https://www.op.nysed.gov/professions/psychology/license-requirements In addition to the doctoral degree, applicants must 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.”
34. North Carolina	X*			http://www.ncpsychologyboard.org/ http://reports.oah.state.nc.us/ncac/title%2021%20%20occupational%20licensing%20boards%20and%20commissions/chapter%2054%20-%20psychology/21%20ncac%2054%20.1803.pdf

35. North Dakota		X		https://www.ndsbpe.org/edu/index.asp North Dakota accepts accredited programs like the University of Tennessee Knoxville's program to meet educational requirements, but North Dakota specifies that telepsych may not replace face-to-face supervision requirements. Given the current Covid-19 pandemic, it is suggested students interested in North Dakota contact them directly about Covid exceptions for telepsych.
36. Ohio	X*			https://psychology.ohio.gov/licensing-and-renewal
37. Oklahoma	X*			https://www.ok.gov/psychology/Applicants/Resource_Guide_to_Application_Requirements/index.html
38. Oregon	X*			https://www.oregon.gov/psychology/pages/Apply.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/licensing.aspx
43. Tennessee	X*			https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/psychology-board/psych-board/applications.html
44. Texas	X*			https://www.bhec.texas.gov/texas-state-board-of-examiners-of-psychologists/applying-for-a-license/index.html
45. Utah	X*			https://dopl.utah.gov/psychology/apply-for-a-license/psychologist/
46. Vermont	X*			https://sos.vermont.gov/
47. Virginia	X*			http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Boards/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/