

SUBCHAPTER 13. ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

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310:403-13-1. Graduate degree requirements

(a) Pursuant to the Act, all applicants shall possess at least a masters degree from a program in psychology from a regionally accredited college or university.

(b) The program must be intended to prepare a scientist-practitioner in the field of psychology at the masters level and meet all the following criteria:

(1) The masters program must be clearly identified as a psychology program. Such a program must specify in a pertinent institutional catalogue, its intent to educate and train students in the field of psychology at the masters level;

(2) The pertinent institutional catalogue must state the structure and content of the curriculum of the program; and

(3) The program must have faculty who hold graduate degrees in psychology or closely related fields.

(c) The academic requirements set forth in the Act must be completed before a person applies for licensure.

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310:403-13-2. Required knowledge areas

All applicants from January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2007, as part of the required 45 graduate semester hours, shall have the following core knowledge areas:

(1) Assessment and Diagnosis - at least six (6) semester hours. Psychological theory, research, and methods concerning the measurement and assessment of an individual's behavioral or psychological functioning, such as the assessment of psychopathology, personality characteristics, intellectual functioning, skills and interests, and neuropsychological functioning;

(2) Intervention - at least six (6) semester hours. Psychological theory, research, and methods regarding empirically validated treatment modalities for the remediation, treatment, or prevention of behavior disorders, adjustment problems, and psychopathology, or other disturbances in psychological functioning;

(3) Experimental Foundations - at least three (3) semester hours. Psychological theory, research, and methods concerning the design, conduct, analysis, and interpretation of psychological research, or concerning the general principles and processes for the core areas of experimental psychology;

(4) Psychopathology - at least three (3) semester hours. Psychological theory, research, and methods concerning the descriptive characteristics, diagnosis, and etiology of psychopathology, or mental and behavioral disorders of children and adults;

(5) Personality and Social Psychology - at least six (6) semester hours. Psychological theory, research, and methods concerning the psychological or behavioral development and functioning of the individual and group differences. Three (3) of these hours shall be in a course in multicultural issues or cultural bases of behavior;

(6) Professional orientation/ethics – at least (3) semester hours. Objectives of professional behavioral health services organizations, codes of ethics, legal aspects of practice, standard of preparation and the role of persons providing direct behavioral health services.

(7) Biological bases of behavior – at least three (3) semester hours. Physiological, or genetic underpinnings of behavior.

(8) Practicum/internship. Organized practica/internships with at least three hundred (300) clock hours in behavioral health services with planned experiences providing classroom and field experience with clients under the supervision of college or university approved behavioral health services professionals; and

(9) Elective courses. The remaining courses needed to meet the forty-five (45) graduate hour requirement shall be in any of the knowledge areas listed above.

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310:403-13-3. Required knowledge areas on or after January 1, 2008

On or after January 1, 2008, all applicants shall have the following core knowledge areas as part of the required 60 graduate semester hours:

- (1) Assessment - as described in OAC 310:403-13-2(1): at least six (6) semester hours;
- (2) Intervention - as described in OAC 310:403-13-2(2): at least nine (9) semester hours;
- (3) Experimental foundations - as described in OAC 310:403-13-2(3): at least six (6) semester hours;
- (4) Psychopathology - as described in OAC 310:403-13-2(4): at least six (6) semester hours;
- (5) Personality and Social Psychology - as described in OAC 310:403-13-2(5): at least six (6) semester hours;
- (6) Professional orientation/ethics - as described in Subchapter 310:403-13-2(6): at least three (3) semester hours;
- (7) Biological bases of behavior - as described in OAC 310:403-13(7): at least three (3) semester hours;
- (8) Practicum/internship as described in OAC 310:403-13-2(8); and
- (9) Elective hours: the remaining courses needed to meet the sixty (60) hour requirement shall be in any of the knowledge areas listed in OAC 310-13-1(1-8).

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