

1 AN ACT relating to education required by the Board of Examiners of Psychology.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 319.032 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) The board shall promulgate administrative regulations:
- 5 (a) Establishing requirements, standards, and tests to determine the moral,  
6 intellectual, educational, scientific, technical, and professional qualifications  
7 of applicants for licensure; and preparing or selecting and administering  
8 examinations on general psychological knowledge. Neither certified  
9 psychologists, licensed psychological practitioners, nor licensed psychological  
10 associates may participate in the examination of applicants for licensure as  
11 licensed psychologists;
- 12 (b) Establishing and defining the scope of practice within the field of psychology;
- 13 (c) Setting the requirements for issuing, denying, suspending, restricting, and  
14 revoking licenses, and placing credential holders on probation;
- 15 (d) Developing specific guidelines to follow upon receipt of an allegation of  
16 sexual misconduct by a person credentialed by the board. The guidelines shall  
17 include investigation, hearing officer, and hearing procedures which ensure  
18 that the process does not revictimize the alleged victim or cause harm if a  
19 credential holder is falsely accused;
- 20 (e) Requiring training for the board and investigators hired by the board on the  
21 dynamics of sexual misconduct of professionals, including the nature of this  
22 abuse of authority, characteristics of the offender, the impact on the victim,  
23 the possibility and the impact of false accusations, investigative procedure in  
24 sex offense cases, and effective intervention with victims and offenders;
- 25 (f) Establishing requirements for continuing education not to exceed thirty-nine  
26 (39) contact hours per three (3) year renewal period as a condition for renewal  
27 of licenses, ***including three (3) contact hours per three (3) year renewal***

- 1                   period on the topic of social and cultural factors that affect health,  
2                   functioning, and quality of life, with this~~[the increased]~~ requirement to be a  
3                   condition for renewal of licenses beginning with renewals occurring after June  
4                   30, 2024~~[2013]~~;
- 5                   (g) Establishing and collecting reasonable fees for directories, transcribing,  
6                   transferring of records, and other services;
- 7                   (h) Conducting hearings or appointing hearing officers to conduct hearings on any  
8                   matter under the jurisdiction of the board, in accordance with KRS Chapter  
9                   13B;
- 10                  (i) Entering into reciprocal agreements with boards of examiners of psychology  
11                  of other states having qualifications and standards at least as high as those of  
12                  this state providing for reciprocal licensure;
- 13                  (j) Employing personnel, including hearing officers which it considers necessary  
14                  for the performance of its functions, determining the duties of personnel, and  
15                  compensating them within the limits of funds available to the board;
- 16                  (k) Investigating complaints or suspected violations of this chapter and notifying  
17                  proper law enforcement authorities. For the purpose of enforcing the  
18                  provisions of this chapter, the board shall have the authority to administer  
19                  oaths, receive evidence, interview persons, issue subpoenas, and require the  
20                  productions of books, papers, documents, or other evidence;
- 21                  (l) Governing the supervision of certified psychologists and the supervision and  
22                  employment of licensed psychological associates and candidates for licensure;
- 23                  (m) Developing specific guidelines to allow school psychologists who are dually  
24                  credentialed by the Education Professional Standards Board and the board to  
25                  obtain supervision acceptable to the board from a licensed psychologist who is  
26                  neither an employee nor contractor of the school system that employs the  
27                  school psychologist being supervised; and

1 (n) Notwithstanding the fee schedules specified in this chapter, increasing or  
2 decreasing fees as it deems appropriate.

3 (2) The board shall have the authority to promulgate other administrative regulations as  
4 it deems necessary for the proper administration of this chapter.

5 (3) The board, at its discretion, may use funds as necessary to purchase liability  
6 insurance for members and executive officers of the board, inspectors, examiners,  
7 investigators, and staff members exempt from classified service of the state by KRS  
8 18A.115.

9 ➔Section 2. KRS 319.064 is amended to read as follows:

10 (1) An individual credentialed as a psychological associate shall use the title "licensed  
11 psychological associate" and the board shall issue a license with that title at the time  
12 of renewal.

13 (2) ~~For an individual with a master's degree in psychology,~~ The board shall issue a  
14 license to perform certain functions within the practice of psychology and to use the  
15 title "licensed psychological associate" to any applicant who:

16 (a) Pays a fee not to exceed three hundred dollars (\$300);

17 (b) Has received:

18 1. A master's degree in psychology acceptable to the board; **or**

19 2. **The equivalent education for a master's degree and has been accepted**  
20 **into a psychology predoctoral internship program in Kentucky that**  
21 **satisfies the criteria for the predoctoral internship established by the**  
22 **board;**

23 from a regionally accredited educational institution or from an educational  
24 institution outside the United States, if such educational institution would  
25 otherwise be accredited by a regional accrediting body if located in the United  
26 States; and

27 (c) Has passed an examination procedure in psychology.

- 1 (3) Upon acceptance of the application to sit for the examination in psychology, the  
2 applicant may practice psychology under the supervision of a licensed psychologist  
3 under conditions of temporary licensure established by the board. The board shall  
4 establish a grace period not to exceed sixty (60) days to allow for the employment  
5 and supervision of the applicant by an agency from the time the applicant's degree  
6 requirements are completed to the submission of the complete application.
- 7 (4) The board shall grade and keep the examinations and results for one (1) year. Upon  
8 written request to the board, an applicant may arrange to discuss his or her  
9 performance on the examination.
- 10 (5) Any psychological associate licensed pursuant to this section may perform certain  
11 functions within the practice of psychology only under the supervision of a licensed  
12 psychologist approved by the board. The licensed psychological associate shall not  
13 practice independently, except under the employment and supervision of the board-  
14 approved licensed psychologist. A licensed psychological associate shall not  
15 represent himself or herself as a licensed or certified psychologist or as a licensed  
16 psychological practitioner. A licensed psychological associate shall not employ or  
17 supervise certified psychologists, licensed psychological practitioners, or licensed  
18 psychological associates.