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Board of Psychologists

Psyc 301 and Psyc 305, Notice #2024-161
Summary of Comments on Initial Proposal with Board Responses
October 4, 2024

Background

The public hearing was held on October 4, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. 3 members of the public was present to provide testimony. There was 1 written comment submitted as outlined below.

Verbal Comments:

Celia Oliver, Vice President, NH Psychological Association, Inc:

Ms. Oliver provided testimony on continuing education and renewal notifications being sent out 60 days in advance of a license's expiration. None of the comments made pertained to rules that are being amended.

Verbal and Written Comments:

Nate Jones, Ph.D., NCSP and Bridget Jones, Psy.D., NCSP:

Psyc 301 Definitions:

Comment: (a) and (b) – Add “clinical” before “supervisor”.

Response:

Psyc 305.02 Applicant Requirements:

Comment: (a)(2) – Remove the “and” at the end of the sentence;

Response: The “and” was removed and (1) became part of the sentence in (2).

Comment: (b) – Change “New Hampshire Department of Education (DOE) credential” to “New Hampshire Education Department (NHED) license”;

Response:

Comment: (c) – Change “alternative 4 credential” to “Statement of eligibility as part of a site based learning plan”;

Response:

Comment: (d) – Add this as a new section describing the areas of skills, competencies, and knowledge for a candidate for licensure as a school psychologist;

Response:

Psyc 305.02 renumbered as Psyc 305.03 Eligibility Requirements for Licensure as a School Psychologist at the Doctorial Level:

Comment: (a)(1) – Change “DOE” to “Education Department”;

Response:

Comment: (a)(2) – Add “National Association of School Psychologists (NASP)” to the list approved programs;

Response:

Comment: (a)(3) – Change “National Association of School Psychologists” to “Educational Testing Service” for where the PRAXIS exam is administered;

Response:

Comment: (a)(5) and (6) – Check rule citations and question as to why are there 2 good professional character requirements. Can (4) and (6) be combined to have on rule for good professional character ;

Response: In (6) the citation of Psyc 303.01 describes Character Qualifications which is good professional character. Also, (4) and (6) have been combined.

Comment: (b)(3) – Change “1,500” of supervised internship experience to “1,200”;

Response:

Comment: (b)(1) – Change “DOE” to “NHED”;

Response:

Psyc 305.03 renumbered as Psyc 305.04 Eligibility Requirements for Licensure as a School Psychologists at the Specialist Level

Comment: (a) – Remove (2) requirement a beginning educator credential form DOE and in (3) change “National Association of School Psychologists” to “Educational Testing Service”;

Response:

Comment: (b) – Remove the current (b) describing the educational requirements for a school psychologist at the specialist level and replace with a new (b) with language provided;

Response:

Comment: (c) – Remove (c) describing a candidate for certification as a school psychologist skills requirement;

Response:

Comment: Second (c) – In (1) change “at the specialist level certification issued by the DOE” to “licensed issued by the NHED” and in (2) remove “institute issuing the doctor level degree” to institute issuing the degree”;

Response: