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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: The Board made the suggested changes.

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: After review of the DOE website there is no indication that a change in name has been made nor any indication that a change is forthcoming. The Board declined to make any change to the DOE name.

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

Response: No change was made. The rules are based on current DOE rules.

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: This request is not relevant to this section. The Board will consider the request for further rulemaking and if determined to be appropriate place in the appropriate section of rules.

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: After review of the DOE website there is no indication that a change in name has been made nor any indication that a change is forthcoming. The Board declined to make any change to the DOE name.

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

Response: The Board will make no changes at this time additional research is necessary. The Board will consider the request for future rulemaking.

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

Response: The Board changed the wording to “State Board of Education approved standardized examination for school psychologists licensure”.

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: The Board made the requested change.

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

Response: After review of the DOE website there is no indication that a change in name has been made nor any indication that a change is forthcoming. The Board declined to make any change to the DOE name.

Psyc 305.03 renumbered as Psyc 305.04 Eligibility Requirements for Licensure as a School Psychologist 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: In (2) the Board declined to make this change as the rule is based on current DOE rules. In (3) the Board changed the wording to “State Board of Education approved standardized examination for school psychologists licensure”.

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: The Board declined to make changes as the rules are based on current DOE rules. If the DOE makes changes to their rules the Board will then change their rules.

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

Response: The Board has declined to make a change. The rules are based on DOE current rules and if the DOE makes any changes to their rules the Board will consider a change at that time.

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: The Board declined to make a change in (1) as this is based on current DOE name and rules. The Board make a change to (2) “Official transcripts sent directly to the OPLC from the educational institute issuing the appropriate degree.”