

21 NCAC 54 .1707 SENIOR PSYCHOLOGIST

(a) Except as provided in Paragraph (b) of this Rule, to be approved for licensure at the Licensed Psychologist level on the basis of senior psychologist status, an applicant shall hold a doctoral degree in psychology from an institution of higher education and shall meet all of the following requirements:

- (1) is licensed and has been licensed for 12 continuous years at the doctoral level by one or more other state or provincial psychology boards that are members of the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards, during which time, and in which jurisdiction(s), he or she has practiced psychology for a minimum of 10 years for at least 20 hours per week;
- (2) has had no disciplinary sanction during his or her period of licensure in any jurisdiction;
- (3) has no unresolved disciplinary complaint with a licensing board in any jurisdiction at the time of application or during the pendency of application in North Carolina; and
- (4) passes the State examination.

(b) An applicant who received the doctoral degree prior to January 1, 1978, upon which his or her psychology licensure in another jurisdiction is based, shall hold a doctoral degree from an institution of higher education and meet all of the requirements specified in Subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(4) of this Rule.

(c) Except as provided in Paragraph (d) of this Rule, to be approved for licensure at the Licensed Psychological Associate level on the basis of senior psychologist status, an applicant shall hold a master's, specialist, or doctoral degree in psychology from an institution of higher education and shall meet all of the following requirements:

- (1) is licensed and has been licensed for 12 continuous years at the master's level by one or more other state or provincial psychology boards that are members of the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards, during which time, and in which jurisdiction(s), he or she has practiced psychology for a minimum of 10 years for at least 20 hours per week;
- (2) has had no disciplinary sanction during his or her entire period of licensure in any jurisdiction;
- (3) has no unresolved disciplinary complaint with a licensing board in any jurisdiction at the time of application or during the pendency of application in North Carolina; and
- (4) passes the State examination.

(d) An applicant who received the degree prior to January 1, 1978, upon which his or her psychology licensure in another jurisdiction is based, shall hold a master's, specialist, or doctoral degree from an institution of higher education and meet all of the requirements specified in Subparagraphs (c)(1) through (c)(4) of this Rule.

(e) The information required for each applicant shall consist of:

- (1) a typed or printed signed or digitally signed application form, as described in Rule .1701(a)(1) of this Chapter, and an affidavit that attests to meeting the requirements specified in Subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) or Subparagraphs (c)(1) through (c)(3) of this Rule, as applicable;
- (2) a typed or , signed or digitally signed supervision contract form as described in Rule .1701(a)(3) of this Section;
- (3) the application fee set forth in Rule .1605(6) of this Chapter;
- (4) a signed consent form, completed Fingerprint Record Card, and other such form(s) or information as required by the North Carolina Department of Justice to perform a criminal history record check;
- (5) payment of fee required by the North Carolina Department of Justice to conduct a criminal history record check;
- (6) an official college transcript(s) sent to the Board by any training institution(s) from which the applicant received a graduate degree;
- (7) three completed reference forms, as described in Rule .1701(a)(8) of this Section, from professionals who are familiar with the applicant's current work, one of which is from a doctoral level psychologist; and
- (8) a written verification and report on the status of any occupational licensure, including dates of licensure and any disciplinary action that is pending or has been taken, sent directly to the Board from any other regulatory agency in North Carolina and any other jurisdiction where the applicant has applied for a license, is currently licensed, or previously was licensed.

(f) To be complete, an application shall contain all materials required under Subparagraph (e) of this Rule. An incomplete application shall be active for three months from the date on which the application is received in the Board office. At the end of such time, if still incomplete, the application shall be void, and the applicant shall be deemed to have discontinued the application process. If the individual chooses to pursue licensure at a later date, the individual shall reapply.

(g) To be considered to have made application pursuant to G.S. 90-270.139(a), the information specified in Subparagraphs (e)(1) through (e)(5) of this Rule shall be filed in the Board office within 30 days of offering to practice or undertaking the practice of psychology in North Carolina.

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