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Comments from the Chair

Subsequent to the last newsletter published by the State Committee of Psychologists (SCOP), the proposed amendments to the Rules and Regulations of the Psychology Practice Act with regard to Post-doctoral supervised experience, Provisional and Temporary licensure, Health Service Provider Certification, licensure by examination, by endorsement of EPPP examination score, and by reciprocity have been published in the Missouri Register. No comments were submitted for the committee to review. Therefore, the proposed amendments have been filed in the Missouri Code Book to comply with the regulations for the final order of rule making. These revised Rules and Regulations when effective will be published with the Psychology Practice Act.

Doctors Good, Harris, Maglio, and Schlesing together with our Executive Director, Pamela Groose, held a question and answer session at the Missouri Psychological Association meeting in June, 1999. Many psychologists appeared to have concerns about the method that the State Committee of Psychologists will use to monitor compliance with the Continuing Education (CE) requirement of 40 hours every two years. A frequent question was whether SCOP will require enclosing proof of compliance for all CE units. The Committee has noted that a statement of verification of compliance will be included on the licensure renewal form, with an audit request for copies of documentation from a random sampling of psychologists. The first reporting period will be in 2002, and will include any CE units acquired in December, 1999 as well as in Y2K and 2001.

Another subject that I became aware of during conversations with many psychologists attending the Missouri Psychological Association Convention was the prevalent impression that the State Committee of Psychologists is associated with, and a committee of the Missouri Psychological Association. Together with this impression was the idea that the mission of the State Committee of Psychologists is to protect psychologists. These impressions are wrong.

First, the State Committee of Psychologists has as its mission the protection of the consumer of psychological services, while the Missouri Psychological Association promotes psychology, and the interests of psychologists. While these may be compatible at times, at other times self-interest, as we all know, can obscure consumer protection issues.

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Know the Members of Your Board

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Visit our Web Page

Go to ecodev.state.mo.us/pr/psych to view the State Committee of Psychologists' web page. You will find information relating to the following:

- ◇ Current committee members
- ◇ Staff members
- ◇ Upcoming meeting and examination dates
- ◇ Open meeting minutes
- ◇ Psychology laws and rules
- ◇ Draft of pending rules
- ◇ Related links – this will take you to web pages of Missouri Psychological Association (MOPA), American Psychological Association (APA), National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology (NR), Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB).

I encourage you to visit our web page and view the information we have available. We are also interested to learn of any other information you would like to see on our web page. Please contact us with your suggestions.

Pamela Groose
Executive Director

Discipline Issues from the Chair of the Discipline Sub-Committee

There have been a significant number of comments on the MoPA listserve regarding the functions of the State Committee of Psychologists. Many of the complaints have focused on the procedures and practices the Committee uses in disciplining psychologists. The State Committee is bound by state statute to regulate the practice of psychology. This involves ensuring that the citizens of the state receive competent and ethical services as specified by the Psychology Practice Act and Rules. The Committee members do not have many choices in applying these rules, but believe that it is important that psychologists licensed in this state understand the procedures currently in place.

Complaints may be filed by any member of the public, the profession, or any federal, state or local official. Complaints are sometimes made by former clients or by family members and/or friends of former clients of a licensee. Psychologists may, in the course of their practice, become aware of colleagues who are impaired, have committed an ethical violation, or have misrepresented themselves or their services to the public. Psychologists unable to address and resolve these matters with colleagues may file complaints with the Committee. Federal, state and local agencies that become aware of criminal, negligent or fraudulent actions of a licensee may report these to the State Committee of Psychologists. Reports are often related to Medicaid, Medicare, Disability Determination reimbursements and/or conviction for violation of any statute or administrative rule related to the practice of psychology. All complaints considered by the Committee must be made in writing.

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When a complaint is made against a licensed psychologist, it is received and logged by the Central Investigative Unit (CIU) of the Division of Professional Registration. The psychologist is always informed in writing that a complaint has been filed, is provided with a copy of the complaint, and is asked to respond in writing to the alleged violation(s) within 30 days. The Central Investigative Unit (CIU) gathers relevant information and facts, and conducts interviews as required. When the investigative process is complete, the case, including the licensee response, is forwarded to the Committee. The Committee reviews the information and attempts to determine whether a violation(s) of the Practice Act has occurred and the nature of any violation(s) noted. The Committee sometimes requests that the licensed psychologist appear before it to address issues and concerns that remain after the investigative report and the response of the licensee have been obtained. Many psychologists appearing before the Committee are represented by an attorney, which is permitted but is not required.

Many of you have knowledge of the procedure the Committee used in the past to process complaints. Under this procedure, the Committee reviewed complaints and summaries of the licensee response prepared by CIU. Those cases the Committee believed appropriate to pursue were referred back to CIU. The case was returned to the Committee when the requested investigation was complete. The Committee then attempted to determine if a violation of the Practice Act had occurred. The Committee believes that the new procedure is more efficient and has decreased the time required to process a case by approximately 3 to 4 months. Comments also suggest that some have the belief that when investigating complaints, the Committee is the prosecutor, jury and judge. Nothing could be further from actual practice. Psychologists in Missouri should know that licensing boards in other states have the authority to discipline their members without going through the Administrative Hearing Commission, Missouri does not have this statutory authority.

There are only two methods of disciplining a licensed psychologist in Missouri. The first method is through a "joint stipulation". A joint stipulation indicates that the Committee and the licensed psychologist mutually agree that a violation(s) of the Practice Act has occurred, and on the nature of the violation and the type of discipline to be imposed. Once the agreement is reached, the Committee must submit it to the Administrative Hearing Commission (AHC) for approval. The second method of disciplining a psychologist involves a formal hearing before the Administrative Hearing Commission. This procedure is used when the Committee and the psychologist cannot reach a mutually agreed upon settlement. Formal hearings involve the presentation of evidence, which may include calling witnesses and their cross examination. An Administrative Hearing Commissioner makes the final decision regarding the violation(s). If it is determined by the AHC that a violation(s) has occurred, the Committee then holds a public disciplinary hearing to determine appropriate discipline to be imposed upon the licensee.

Descriptions of specific violations which may result in denial, revocation, or suspension of a license are found in Section 337.035 of the Practice Act. The Ethical Rules of Conduct are found in 4 CSR 235-5.030. The Committee urges all licensed psychologists to become familiar with the statutes and the ethical standards.

Finally, you may be interested in the types of complaints the Committee receives. These categories are used for reporting purposes only. In discipline cases, the referral to specific statute and/or ethical violation is always delineated. The percentage of complaints for frequently encountered categories are provided. The following chart reflects complaints received for Fiscal Year 1998 (FY98) and Fiscal Year 1999 (FY99).

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Categories	Fiscal Year 1998 (7/1/97 to 6/30/98)	Fiscal Year 1999 (7/1/98 to 6/30/99)
# Complaints Received	39	29
# Against Unlicensed Individuals	11	4
# Against Licensed Psychologists	28	25
Dual Relationships		
Sexual	1	2
Non-sexual	1	1
Competence		
Scope of Practice	1	0
Maintenance & Retention of Rec-	1	1
Impaired Professional	0	0
Protection of Client Confidentiality	6	5
Misrepresentation of Title and Serv-	2	1
Assessment Procedures	3	3
Incompetency, Misconduct, Violations of Law	5	3
Fraud	6	2
Aiding Illegal Practice	7	2

NOTE: Numbers of allegations will not equal number of complaints received as some complaints allege more than one violation.

FY98 Complaints by Licensees' Year Of License	
1978 – 8	1988 – 0
1979 – 5	1989 – 0
1980 – 1	1990 – 2
1981 – 1	1991 – 3
1982 – 0	1992 – 1
1983 – 0	1993 – 1
1984 – 0	1994 – 1
1985 – 1	1995 – 0
1986 – 2	1996 – 1
1987 – 0	1997 – 1
TOTAL RECEIVED: 28	

FY99 Complaints by Licensees' Year of License		
1978 – 6	1986 – 2	1994 – 0
1979 – 2	1987 – 0	1995 – 1
1980 – 0	1988 – 0	1996 – 0
1981 – 3	1989 – 3	1997 – 1
1982 – 1	1990 – 1	1998 – 1
1983 – 2	1991 – 0	
1984 – 0	1992 – 1	
1985 – 0	1993 – 1	
TOTAL RECEIVED: 25		

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FY98 Complaints by Licensees' Year Degree Awarded		
1965 – 1	1977 – 2	1988 – 1
1968 – 1	1978 – 2	1989 – 2
1969 – 1	1979 – 2	1990 – 1
1973 – 2	1980 – 2	1992 – 1
1974 – 1	1981 – 1	1995 – 1
1975 – 2	1984 – 1	
1976 – 3	1987 – 1	

FY99 Complaints by Licensees' Year Degree Awarded		
1958 – 1	1978 – 1	1989 – 1
1968 – 1	1979 – 3	1990 – 1
1970 – 1	1980 – 2	1996 – 2
1972 – 2	1985 – 1	
1974 – 2	1986 – 1	
1975 – 2	1987 – 1	
1976 – 2	1988 – 1	

Please feel free to contact the Committee office with any questions.

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Second, the members of the State Committee of Psychologists are appointed by the governor of the State of Missouri, “upon the advice and consent of the senate” as stated in 337.050 of Chapter 337 of the State of Missouri Psychology Practice Act. Thus, while the members of the State Committee of Psychologists and members of the Missouri Psychological Association cooperate in necessary tasks, such as dialogues regarding proposed changes in the Psychology Practice Act, Rules, and Regulations, each entity gives their input from differing perspectives, and are in no way part of the same organizations for the purpose of fulfilling their respective missions.

Another organization that has as its primary consideration the protection of the consumer of psychological services, is the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB). Members of the State Committee of Psychologists extend congratulations to Dr. Larry Bass, a former (SCOP) board member and a former chair of SCOP on his election to the position of President of the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB). We wish Dr. Bass a productive and meaningful presidential year, and pledge our support in any way that we can to help the ASPPB to continue to promote protection for consumers of psychological services.

According to information received from the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards, the fee charged to licensure applicants for the Examination for Professional Practice of Psychology (EPPP) has been increased to \$350.00. This fee increase is the first of two planned fee increases necessary to cover the costs associated with computerization of the EPPP. This increase was effective April 1, 1999. Test specifications and content domains for the EPPP are listed by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards on www.asppb.org.

During the October administration of the EPPP in Missouri, 44 applicants sat for the examination. The State Committee of Psychologists extends sincere congratulations to the 35 candidates who passed the EPPP in Missouri. Many of the 35 candidates who passed the examination are currently in the process of completing their psychological residency, and are licensed as Provisionally Licensed Psychologists. Thus, they are benefiting from the recent change in the Psychology Practice Act allowing completion of the EPPP and Missouri Jurisprudence Examination requirements prior to completion of the residency requirement, and thereby providing for rapid licensure upon completion of the postdoctoral residency.

We are grateful for the years of service given by Dr. Darrell Hartke and Dr. Clifford Whipple, who have resigned from the board. Both gave generously of their time and talents to continually ensure protection of the consumer of psychological services. Many, many hours of consideration and debate of issues were done with the skilled help of these two former board members, as well as development of the Missouri Jurisprudence examination, and multiple changes in the Practice Act, and the Rules and Regulations. Thank you Doctors Hartke and Whipple for your countless hours of work.

The State Committee of Psychologists also regretfully reports the resignation of our public member, Helen Gab. Although Helen was with the committee only a short time, she will be remembered for her input, allowing the committee members to view credentialing and complaint issues through the perspective of a public member. We thank Helen for her service to the board.

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The State Committee of Psychologists welcomes our newest member, Dr. Thomas Copeland, who practices psychology at Western Missouri Mental Health Center. Dr. Copeland has already worked diligently at two board meetings, and many sub-committee meetings. We look forward to continued committee work with Dr. Copeland, to many meetings involving diligent reviewing and debate of all materials, and concerned, careful decision making.

Sincerely,

Betty A. Schlesing, Psy. D.
Committee Chair

New Licensure System Implemented



On September 23, 1999, the Division of Professional Registration converted to a new licensure system called PROMO. PROMO is an acronym which stands for "Professional Registration of Missouri", and it was developed by IFMC (Iowa Foundation for Medical Care). PROMO is a software program with two components—a licensure system and a complaint/investigation tracking system. Following is a brief description of the changes you will experience as a result of the new licensing system.

- ◇ **License Numbering System.** With the previous mainframe system, a license number contained the profession code PY or PYR followed by a 6-digit number. With PROMO, a license number will be the year of license followed by a 6-digit number. Example: 1999134178. This is a Division-wide numbering system and will allow the Division to capture valuable licensing information on a Division-wide scale. Individuals that were licensed prior to September 23, 1999 will still maintain their previous license number in the format of the profession code followed by a 6-digit number.
- ◇ **New Security License Paper.** Licenses are now being printed on a new security paper. Several small State of Missouri seals appear on the reverse of both the wallet-size card and wall-hanging document. The seals are in red ink. If you rub on a seal, it will fade. If you photocopy the license or wall-hanging document, VOID will appear on the photocopy. You will also notice that the wallet-size card is laminated and both the wallet-size card and wall-hanging document are perforated for easy removal.
- ◇ **More Accessibility to Records.** The new licensure system will allow staff to search for a licensee even if the caller is not exactly sure of the spelling. The system will also allow searches by previous last names.

Since all Boards, Committees and Commissions under the Division of Professional Registration share the same core business needs, it made sense to convert previous systems to one unified licensure system for the entire Division. Right now we have a lot of data in systems, with implementation of the new PROMO system we are eager to transform that data into information and then wisdom.

Warmest regards,

Randall Singer
Division Director

Upcoming 2000 Dates to Remember

Below are important dates for the State Committee of Psychologists.

Jurisprudence Examination Dates:

January 12, 2000 July 12, 2000
 February 9, 2000 August 26, 2000
 March 4, 2000 September 20, 2000
 April 12, 2000 October 11, 2000
 May 10, 2000 November 8, 2000
 June 3, 2000 December 2, 2000

Oral Examination Dates:

March 4, 2000
 June 3, 2000
 August 26, 2000
 December 2, 2000

EPPP Examination Dates:

April 12, 2000
 October 11, 2000

Contact the Committee office at (573) 751-0099 for deadline dates.

Committee Meeting Dates:

March 3, 2000 location Jefferson City
 June 2, 2000 location Springfield or Branson
 August 25, 2000 location Kansas City
 December 1, 2000 location St. Louis

All open sessions of the State Committee of Psychologists meetings are open to the public and the members invite and encourage you to attend.

Your concerns are welcomed. If you have an issue you would like to discuss with the Committee at a meeting, please contact the office either by telephone or in writing prior to the meeting.

2000 – 2001 Renewals

The renewals for February 1, 2000 to January 31, 2001 were mailed the week of December 1, 1999. If you have not received your renewal, call the office and request a duplicate renewal be faxed to you.

Web address – www.ecodev.state.mo.us/pr/psych

E-mail – scop@mail.state.mo.us

CPQ – www.asppb.org/CPQ

ASPPB – www.asppb.org

National Register – www.nationalregister.com

MOPA – www.mopsych.org

Consumer Information Brochure

The enclosed Consumer Information Brochure is available from the SCOP office. The committee encourages you to make these available to interested individuals. Please feel free to duplicate as necessary or fax a request to our office and we will provide a limited number for your distribution.

Statistics

	FY97	FY98	FY99	FY00
Complaints	14	39	31	10
Disciplined	5	5	5	0

Proposed Rules Update

Projected effective date for the proposed rules regarding provisional/temporary license, supervision, etc. that were included in the last newsletter is February 29, 2000.

Things to Know about your Board . . .

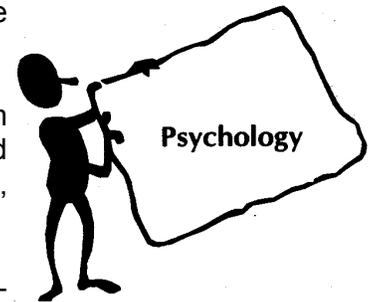


ADDRESS CHANGE – All licensees are required to notify the State Committee of Psychologists within 30 days of an address change. The notification can be submitted in writing to the State Committee of Psychologists, P.O. Box 1335, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, by fax to (573) 526-3489 or by telephone to (573) 751-0099.

DUPLICATE LICENSE – Licensees can be issued a duplicate annual renewal license by submitting a completed Application for Duplicate Registration Certificate to State Committee of Psychologists, P.O. Box 1335, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 or by fax to (573) 526-3489.

WALL-HANGING LICENSE – Licensees can request a duplicate wall-hanging license by submitting an Application for Duplicate Wall Hanging License to State Committee of Psychologists, P.O. Box 1335, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. A \$25.00 fee made payable to the State Committee of Psychologists must accompany the completed form.

HSP CERTIFICATION – Licensees must request an application packet from the State Committee of Psychologists. Completed application with required fee of \$100.00 must be mailed to the State Committee of Psychologists, P.O. Box 1335, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.



LICENSURE VERIFICATION TO ANOTHER STATE – Licensees must submit the required verification/certification form from the state in which licensure is being requested along with the required \$25.00 fee to the State Committee of Psychologists, P.O. Box 1335, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

RENEWALS – Renewals are mailed to all current licensees on or around November 15 of each year. Renewals are mailed to the most current address on file with the State Committee of Psychologists. The renewal license is current for 1 year, February 1 to January 31.

MASTER'S DEGREE TO DOCTORAL DEGREE PSYCHOLOGISTS – Section 337.090 of the Psychology Practice Act states in part "Any person licensed on the basis of a master's degree who has then earned a doctoral degree may use the title "doctor" or hold himself out in his practice as a psychologist as having a doctoral degree so long as it is from an accredited institution of higher education and so long as the degree is relevant to the practice of psychology."

Licensees who have obtained a doctoral degree after being licensed based upon the master's degree can submit evidence of the doctoral degree to the State Committee of Psychologists and it will be added to the permanent record. Licensees who wish to have their license record upgraded to reflect that they are licensed at the doctoral level must submit evidence of the degree and request a Committee review.

Please send your comments/suggestions regarding the Newsletter to the Executive Director, State Committee of Psychologists, P.O. Box 1335, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 or you can e-mail to pgroose@mail.state.mo.us or to scop@mail.state.mo.us. Your comments/suggestions are welcomed and encouraged.

Currently Disciplined Psychologists

Burrows, Larry Springfield, MO PY00697	Effective 7/17/97 Suspended to 7/17/99 followed by Probation to 7/17/2004 Reason: Engaged in an unprofessional dual relationship.
Grossman, Fred Kansas City, MO PY00897	Effective 7/7/98 Probation to 7/7/2000 Reason: Found guilty of mail fraud, a class D felony. Delivered and caused to be delivered by U.S. Mail claims for insurance benefits knowing claims to be false and fraudulent.
Henrichs, Fred Ballwin, MO PY00982	Effective 10/17/96 Suspended to 10/17/98 followed by Probation to 10/17/2001 Reason: Engaged in an inappropriate dual relationship.
Lind, Richard Springfield, MO PYR0415	Effective 8/26/98 Suspended to 8/26/99 Probation to 8/26/2004 Reason: Engaged in inappropriate dual relationship.
Little, Bill L. Maryland Heights, MO PY00300	Effective 12/17/96 Suspended to 10/17/98 followed by Probation to 1/17/2002 Reason: Engaged in an inappropriate dual relationship, performed treatment for which he had no specialized, formal, academic or post-graduate training.
Reisenleiter, John St. Louis, MO PY00662	Effective 7/1/95 Suspended to 7/1/97 followed by Probation to 7/21/2002 Reason: Engaged in an inappropriate dual relationship.
Sweeney, Michael Kansas City, MO PY01464	Effective 11/18/98 Probation to 11/18/2000 Reason: Misconduct in the performance of the functions or duties as a licensed psychologist.

Probation Completed

Neubauer, Patricia PY01424	Completed 8/27/98
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Report of Activities of the Credentials Sub-Committee

This chart outlines the types and numbers of applications reviewed by the Credentials Sub-Committee

DATE	HSP Certification	Prior Review of Education and Supervision	Provisional	Temporary	Examination	Reciprocity	Miscellaneous
August 1999	9	1	10	1	42	2	2
December 1999	9	1	10	0	5	10	2

EPPP: Licensing Examination Data

Exam Natl Date Total	Total Taking Exam	Total Passing Exam	Total Failing Exam	Doctoral Level Passing	Doctoral Level Failing	Natl Mean Score	MO Mean Score	High Raw Score MO Cand	Low Raw Score MO Cand	Natl High Raw Score	Natl Low Raw Score	#
10/99	44	35	9	34	9	144	150	180	99	190	59	

Provisional Licenses Issued 08/01/99 thru 10/31/99

Alice Burr-Harris, PsyD	Gretchen Clum, PhD	Tamara S Jones, PsyD
Angela M. Dedmon, PhD	Heather Jo Gotham, PhD	Tammy Brazeal, PhD
Audrey Smith, PsyD	Jeffrey Shaw, PhD	
Ben E. Lanpher, PhD	Judith Cain, PsyD	
Bobbi Jo Craigmyle, PsyD	Michael P Meehan, PhD	
Charles D Rhodes, PsyD	Regina Denton, PsyD	
Devora E Tulcensky, PhD	Stephen Baich, PsyD	
Fiona Kress, PhD		

Licenses Issued May 1, 1999 thru October 31, 1999

<u>Name</u>	<u>License Number</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
Anderson, Shawn D	1938	09/01/99
Barke', Rosemary E	1932	08/31/99
Berger, Steven G	1929	08/28/99
Brown, Lenora V	1922	06/05/99
Carpenter, Douglas W	1933	08/31/99
Carusa, Sandra	1934	08/31/99
Clark, Daniel D	1923	06/05/99
Dell-Era Korth, Maria E	R0532	0714/99
Dunham, Mardis D	1924	06/05/99
Dyer, Carol S	1925	06/05/99
Fogel, Michael E	1941	09/09/99
Ham, Tom L	R0531	06/05/99
Kirk, Sarah B	1939	09/09/99
Kirkpatrick, Heather A	1936	08/31/99
Matheson, Leonard N	R0533	07/14/99
McCarthy, Tracey C	1926	06/05/99
Monson, Candice M	1942	09/09/99
Novalany, James	R0530	06/05/99
Parkinson, Donna L	R0534	07/14/99
Pomerantz, Andrew M	1927	06/05/99
Shaw, Jeffrey A	1940	09/08/99
Shoyer, Beth G	1930	08/28/99
Skeel, Reid L	1935	08/31/99
Southworth, Susan M	1928	06/05/99
Spevak, Tara V	1999135246	10/14/99
Tarrant, Jeffrey M	1931	08/28/99
Walker, Deborah L	1937	08/31/99

Practice Test for the Psychology Licensing Exam Available on Computer

ASPPB and PES now offer a computer-delivered practice test for the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP), the written licensing exam required by psychology licensing boards in the U.S. and Canada. The 100-item computer-administered exam will offer individuals a chance to practice answering questions and receive immediate feedback on their performance.

To take the practice exam, an individual must be preparing for psychology licensure. The individual must be:

- A student in a doctoral psychology program;
- A student in a master's psychology program in a state or province that grants a license, certification or registration for master's-trained individuals; or
- A psychologist with a degree that qualifies him or her to take the licensing examination (the EPPP).

To show eligibility, an individual must have his or her application signed by a director of training for his/her education program, his/her internship director, or his/her postdoctoral year supervisor. An individual who has been out of school for several years could have a current supervisor authenticate his or her application.

The exam is available Monday through Friday at numerous Sylvan Prometric sites in the U.S. and Canada. The practice exam costs \$100 U.S. Two different 100-item practice exams may be taken back-to-back for \$180 U.S. To apply, candidates may contact PES at 800/207-1962 or download the form in PDF format by going to the ASPPB web page at www.asppb.org/pracexam.html. Complete the form and forward it with your payment to PES at the address provided. Information on Sylvan Prometric locations may be found on the web at <http://www.sylvanprometric.com>, or by calling 800/699-4975.

Practice exam takers will receive a reduced price of \$50 U.S. —a 30% savings —on *Items from Previous Examinations*, which contains 350 questions used in the past on the written licensing exam, along with an answer key and bibliography.

IMPORTANT: *The practice examination offered is for study purposes only. No representation is made that performance on the practice exam is a valid indicator of performance on any future licensing exam nor a guarantee of passage of such a licensing exam. An individual's score on the practice exam will not be accepted in lieu of the passage of an actual form of the EPPP. By taking this practice exam, each individual acknowledges that he or she understands these limitations on the use of the exam.*



Reported Disciplinary Actions for Psychologists
Compiled by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology
Boards
(ASPPB) staff from actions reported to the ASPPB Disciplinary
Data System by ASPPB member boards
August 1983 – July 1999

<u>Reason for Disciplinary Action</u>	<u>Number Disciplined</u>
Sexual/Dual Relationship with patient.....	644
Unprofessional/unethical/negligent practice.....	587
Conviction of crimes	170
Fraudulent acts.....	161
Inadequate or improper supervision.....	88
Breach of confidentiality	79
Impairment.....	78
Improper/inadequate record keeping.....	70
Fraud in application for license	44
Failure to comply with continuing education requirements.....	28
TOTAL.....	1,949*

* The difference in the total number of reported disciplinary actions (2,183) and this total is that some jurisdictions do not report reasons or the reason reported does not fall into one of the above listed categories.

Not-So-Common Reasons for Disciplinary Sanctions

- ◆ Failure to make child support payments
- ◆ Performing an unrecognized modality (e.g., exorcism)
- ◆ Practicing outside areas of training
- ◆ Failure to retain client records
- ◆ Lack of good moral character
- ◆ Assaulting a patient
- ◆ Failure to comply with board order
- ◆ Lack of professional judgment in communicating personal opinions
- ◆ Failure to report suspected child abuse
- ◆ Use of nude therapy
- ◆ Deceptive and misleading advertising of practice
- ◆ Misrepresentation of credentials
- ◆ Non-compliance with continuing education requirements

Continuing Education Rules

Title 4-DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Division 235-State Committee of Psychologists Chapter 7-Continuing Education

4 CSR 235-7.005 Definitions

PURPOSE: This rule defines terms used in 4 CSR 235 Chapter 7.

(1) "Accredited program, seminar, or activity"-Is a program, seminar, or activity presented under the auspices of-

- (A) Regionally accredited institution of higher education;
- (B) American psychology association;
- (C) Regional psychological association;
- (D) State psychological association;
- (E) Local psychological association;
- (F) American Medical Association; and
- (G) Other professional bodies or groups.

(2) "Committee"-The Missouri State Committee of Psychologists.

(3) "Credit hour"-At least fifty (50) minutes of instruction or the equivalent.

(4) "Psychologist"-A psychologist licensed to practice in the state of Missouri pursuant to section 337.010, RSMo et seq.

(5) "Accredited sponsor"-A sponsor all of whose programs, seminars, or activities are accredited.

(6) "Continuing education credit"-One (1) credit hour.

(7) "Recognized educational institution"-A school, college, university, or other institution of higher learning in the United States which has a graduate program in psychology and is accredited by one of the regional accrediting associations approved by the council on postsecondary accreditation, or one of the regional accrediting associations recognized by the Department of Education.

(8) "Reporting cycle"-Two (2) years from December 1, 1999 through November 30, 2001, and every two (2)-year period thereafter.

AUTHORITY: section 337.050.12, RSMo Supp. 1998.* Original rule filed Dec. 31, 1998, effective Aug. 30, 1999.

*Original authority: 337.050, RSMo 1977, amended 1981, 1989, 1993, 1995, 1996, 1998.

4 CSR 235-7.010 Continuing Education

PURPOSE: This rule implements the continuing education mandates.

(1) Every psychologist licensed in Missouri shall, on or before February 1, 2002, and every two (2) years thereafter, complete or otherwise obtain for the immediately preceding two (2)-year reporting cycle at least forty (40) hours, or such other number of credits as herein provided, of accredited "continuing education credits"(herein CE credits) relevant to the practice of psychology.

(2) At least fifteen (15) of the forty (40) continuing education credits must be completed within Category A (i.e., formal programs which meet the requirements of 4 CSR 235-7.030(1)(A)); and the remaining twenty-five (25) CE credits must be completed in either Category A or in Category B (i.e., informal programs or hours which meet the requirements of 4 CSR 235-7.030(1)(B)).

(3) Continuing education credits earned after November 30 for the immediately preceding reporting cycle shall be applied to the next two (2)-year reporting cycle. The first reporting cycle shall be for the period December 1, 1999 through and including November 30, 2001; and each reporting period thereafter shall run from the next December 1 to November 30 two (2) years later (i.e., December 1, 2001 through November 30, 2003, etc.).

(4) A psychologist who is or becomes licensed during the middle of a reporting period shall be entitled to and shall receive a "pro-rata" reduction in the number of required credits at the rate of five (5) hours for every three (3) full months between the date of licensing and what would be the normal date of commencement for the reporting cycle.

(5) If in any two (2)-year cycle, the number of continuing education credits earned from Category A in 4 CSR 235-7.030 exceeds forty (40) credits, the excess credits over forty (40) may be carried over to the next two (2)-year cycle, up to a maximum of fifteen (15) hours.

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4 CSR 235-7.020 Continuing Education Reports

PURPOSE: This rule establishes the criteria for maintaining continuing education program records.

(1) Every psychologist shall maintain for a period of four (4) years from the completion of each reporting cycle full and complete records of all accredited continuing education (CE) programs attended or accredited continuing education credit hours earned during the immediately preceding two (2)-year reporting cycle.

(2) Such records shall be made available, upon reasonable request during regular business hours, to the committee or to such authorized representative as the committee may hereafter appoint from time-to-time for inspection, photocopying, or audit.

(3) For all Category A programs, such records shall, at a minimum, contain a listing of all programs attended by course name and for all accredited programs information showing either that the program sponsor is an accredited CE sponsor or that such individual program had been properly accredited, the number of CE hours awarded or earned for each such program or activity, and a copy of the program agenda, outline, or other course description.

(4) For the license renewal period commencing February 1, 2001 and every renewal period each

two (2) years thereafter every psychologist shall attest on the license renewal application form, compliance with 4 CSR 235-7.010. The committee may audit as deemed necessary.

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4 CSR 235-7.030 Categories of Continuing Education Programs and Credits

PURPOSE: This rule implements the continuing education mandates.

(1) The committee recognizes the following categories of continuing education programs, seminars or activities and established credit hours.

(A) Category A formal activities, a minimum of fifteen (15) credits per reporting cycle. Category A activities are defined as-

1. Formal continuing education programs that may consist of programs, seminars, or activities accredited by any accredited or identified sponsor listed in 4 CSR 235-7.005(1). The number of continuing education credits assigned by an association as defined in these rules will be accepted.

2. Regularly scheduled postgraduate courses offered by a "recognized educational institution" as defined in 4 CSR 235-7.005(7), which are relevant to the practice of psychology. One-quarter (1/4) hour of academic credit constitutes ten (10) continuing education credits. One (1) semester hour of academic credit constitutes fifteen (15) continuing education credits.

3. Writing or speaking, including a paper or other presentation at a formal professional meeting, a paper published in a professional journal, or a book or an original chapter in an edited book in the area of psychology or a related field. Credit will be granted for the year of publication or presentation in the case of a paper. Continuing education credits will be granted at the rate of four (4) for each paper or presentation, eight (8) for each chapter in a book, ten (10) for editing a book, and fifteen (15) for the publication of a book.

(B) Category B other programs, seminars, or activities, a maximum of twenty-five (25) credits per reporting cycle of Category B activities may count towards the two (2)-year, forty (40) continuing education credit hour requirement in 4 CSR 235-7.010. Category B programs, seminars, or activities are defined as-

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1. Self-study.

A. Any licensed psychologist may receive up to ten (10) hours of self-study credit in a two (2)-year reporting cycle by studying psychology related material, including but not limited to videotapes, audiotapes and publications, in furtherance of general academic and professional competence; and

2. Other continuing education experiences. The committee will accept a maximum of eight (8) hours of continuing education received from any or all of the five (5) categories of continuing education experiences found in this paragraph unless otherwise specified. The categories of continuing education experiences and the number of hours of continuing education for each category are as follows:

A. Meetings. Registered attendance at relevant professional meetings (international, national, regional, state, local). Three (3) hours per day;

B. Workshops, seminars and courses. Registered attendance at relevant nonaccredited workshops, seminars or academic courses. Number of actual attendance hours;

C. Publications. Books, articles published by applicant in relevant professional books, journals, or periodicals. Three (3) hours in a non-refereed journal; six (6) hours in a refereed journal;

D. Presentations. Presentations by applicant at relevant professional meetings (international, national, regional, state, or local). Number of clock hours for a maximum of three (3) hours per presentation; and

E. Individual study. Self-study of professional material including relevant books, journals, periodicals, tapes, and other materials and preparation of relevant lectures and talks to public groups. Preparation credit may not be claimed under this category for presentations credited under paragraph 1. of this subsection. The committee will accept a maximum of four (4) hours continuing education credits in individual study.

(2) Experience Not Acceptable for Continuing Education. The board will not consider personal psychotherapy, workshops for personal growth, or services to professional associations as meeting the requirements for continuing education.

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4 CSR 235-7.050 Variances

PURPOSE: This rule implements the continuing education mandates.

Variances will be granted on a case-by-case basis upon written petition to the committee. The committee will review requests at the next regularly scheduled quarterly meeting following receipt of the request for a variance.

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