



Policy Title: Coursework Requirements (Registered Psychologists) Applies to: Psychology	Replaces former policy: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Title: Coursework Requirements for Registered Psychologists <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
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Policy Statement:

An Applicant to the registration class of Registered Psychologist within the Designated Health Profession of Psychology (an “Applicant”) must demonstrate completion of three or more graduate-level credits (where 13 classroom contact hours are equivalent to 1 semester hour) in *each* of the following course categories, and six or more graduate-level credits in *at least four* of the course categories:

- Biological Bases of Behaviour (physiological psychology, comparative psychology, neuropsychology, sensation and perception, psychopharmacology)
- Cognitive/Affective Bases of Behaviour (learning, cognition, motivation, emotion)
- Social Bases of Behaviour (social psychology, group processes, community psychology, environmental psychology, organizational and systems theory)
- Individual Differences (personality theory, human development, abnormal, psychopathology)
- Ethics and Standards in Professional Psychology
- Research Design and Methodology (research design, experimental procedures, laboratory methods)
- Statistics (statistics, multivariate analysis)
- Psychometrics (measurement, test construction and validation)
- Professional Practice: Assessment (application of assessment techniques)
- Professional Practice: Intervention (application and theory of psychotherapy, counselling, behaviour modification)

Colloquium and practicum hours do not count towards coursework requirements.



When an Applicant does not meet the coursework requirements, the Registration Committee:

- Will provide the Applicant with a letter identifying deficits in required coursework.
- May, at the request of the Applicant, review the Applicant's senior undergraduate courses in the areas of Biological Bases of Behaviour, Cognitive/Affective Bases of Behaviour and/or Social Bases of Behaviour and identify a maximum of two such courses to receive credit towards the coursework requirement.
- May require additional coursework or a demonstration of equivalent competence for unmet course requirements.

1. Policy Rationale and Purpose:

This policy is necessary to implement the bylaw requirements for coursework for the registration class of Registered Psychologist.

2. Policy Scope:

This policy applies to any Applicant to the Designated Health Profession of Psychology in the registration class of Registered Psychologist who has not completed (in residence) and graduated from a program accredited by the Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) or the American Psychological Association (APA).

Applicants who *have* graduated from accredited programs will be deemed to have met coursework requirements; however, these Applicants must still document their coursework on the application form.

3. Legal Authority:

- *Health Professions Act*
- Psychologists Regulation
- CHCPBC Bylaws, Schedule 7, 3.1.7.3; Table 1, I, B; and Table 3

4. Key Partnerships:

N/A

5. Definitions:

N/A

6. Process Check:

- Board Policy Framework



- Safe Spaces Playbook
- Other: Click or tap here to enter text.

7. Resources/References:

- [Canadian Psychological Association \(CPA\) Accreditation Standards for Doctoral and Residency Programs in Professional Psychology](#)

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