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# Interpretive Guideline re: Credential Presentation by School Psychologists

Standard 9.7(b) of the College of Psychologists' Code of Conduct [Requirements for credential presentation] provides that a registrant of the College must place immediately before their professional title only the highest academic degree upon which their registration is based. It also allows a registrant to use the prefix Doctor or the abbreviation Dr. (but not both the degree and prefix) where they have been registered on the basis of a doctoral degree.

For school psychologist registrants who are granted registration with the College under the transitional provisions of section 46(3) of the bylaws on or after May 1, 2024 on the basis of active membership in BCASP, the College interprets the reference in Standard 9.7(b) to “the highest academic degree upon which the registrant’s registration with the College is based” as referring to the highest academic degree for which the registrant delivered a transcript to the College in support of their application for registration in accordance with section 43(1)(d) of the bylaws.

In particular, a doctorally-trained school psychologist registrant who is registered under section 46(3) on the basis of their BCASP membership will be entitled under Standard 9.7(b) to use the prefix Doctor or the abbreviation Dr. if and only if they delivered a transcript for their doctoral degree to the College in support of their registration application.

It is important to recognize that this interpretation of Standard 9.7(b) does not constitute or imply any decision or determination by the College that the school psychologist registrant would be considered to satisfy the requirement for a “doctoral degree in psychology” as defined in section 41 of the bylaws in the event that they were to apply later to the College for registered psychologist registration. If such an individual applies to the College for registered psychologist registration, they will still be required to satisfy the Registration Committee that they meet all applicable conditions and requirements for registered psychologist registration under section 44 of the bylaws.