



<p>Policy</p> <p>Coursework Requirements (Psychologists)</p>	<p>Replaces former policy:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Title: Coursework Requirements (Psychologists)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p>
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Policy Statement

An applicant for a Full Licence in Psychology whose education must be evaluated for equivalency must demonstrate completion of:

- a. 3 or more graduate-level, Canadian equivalent credits (where 13 classroom contact hours are equivalent to 1 semester hour) in each course category listed below
- b. 6 or more graduate-level, Canadian equivalent credits in at least 4 of the course categories listed below

Conferences, fieldwork, laboratory, placement, seminars and practicum hours do not count towards coursework requirements.

When an applicant does not meet the coursework requirements, the Licence Committee will provide the applicant with a letter identifying deficits in required coursework and may allow demonstration of equivalent competence for unmet course requirements.

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)

1. Policy Rationale and Purpose

The College of Health and Care Professionals of BC (CHCPBC) is responsible for evaluating equivalency of education for applicants who have not graduated from a Recognized Education Program specified in CHCPBC Bylaws, Schedule 5: Recognized Education Programs, Psychology.

Building on Bylaws Schedule 8, this policy identifies the coursework that is considered equivalent.

2. Policy Scope

This policy applies to applicants for a Full Licence in Psychology who have not completed a Recognized Education Program, as specified in CHCPBC Bylaws, Schedule 5: Recognized Education Programs, Psychology.

3. Duties and Responsibilities

Licensure Team Members

Licensure Team members are responsible for ensuring relevant application forms for non-recognized programs and preliminary assessment forms align with this policy.

Practice Advisor/Subject Matter Expert

The Practice Advisor – Psychology, or other subject matter expert, is responsible for evaluating an application against the coursework requirements described in this policy.

4. Legal and Regulatory Authority

This policy is linked to the following legislation and regulatory documents:

- CHCPBC Bylaws, Schedule 8: Equivalency Determination Process and Criteria, Psychology criterion 2

5. Other Relevant Policies and Documents

None identified at this time.

6. Key Partnerships

None identified at this time.



7. Definitions

None identified at this time.

8. Process Check

The following documents have been consulted and applied to this policy.

- Policy Development Framework (required)
- Anti-Discrimination Measures (S14/15 HPOA) (required if applicable)
- Health Standards Organization BC Cultural Safety and Humility Standard policy best practices (required if applicable)
- Safe Spaces Playbook (required if applicable)
- In Plain Sight Report and Recommendations (required if applicable)

9. Resources/References

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

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