

Consumer Disclosure Information

Educational Requirements for Licensure in Psychology Counseling Psychology Program University of Tennessee Knoxville

The Counseling Psychology Ph.D. Program in the Department of Psychology at the University of Tennessee Knoxville (referred to as “our Program”) makes every effort to provide education that is compliant with national standards and to prepare students to practice counseling psychology. As recognition of our compliance with national standards, our Program is accredited by the American Psychological Association¹. The practice of psychology, however, is regulated at the state level. State licensing authorities, commonly referred to as “State Boards,” determine the specific educational and training requirements for licensure in their State. Of note, many States require post-doctoral training as well as examinations beyond educational and training requirements. As such, a Ph.D. degree from our Program in Counseling Psychology is not sufficient, in and of itself, to meet licensure requirements in most states.

If you are planning to pursue professional licensure or certification, it is strongly recommended that you contact the appropriate licensing entity in the state for which you are seeking licensure or certification to obtain information and guidance regarding licensure or certification requirements before beginning an academic program. Given that State requirements for licensure or certification vary and may change over time it is also strongly recommended that you review licensing or certification requirements as you get closer to seeking licensure or certification. You are encouraged to review the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards’ online tool, PsyBook (<https://www.asppb.net/page/psybook>), which summarizes requirements for most states and territories. You are also encouraged to confirm state licensing requirements directly with the state you are interested in seeking licensure or certification.

¹ For further information about APA accreditation or specific information about the accreditation status of our PhD program, please contact Jacqueline Remondet Wall, PhD Director, Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation American Psychological Association 750 First Street, NE Washington, DC 20002-4242 202-336-5979, <http://www.apa.org/ed/accreditation>.

The University of Tennessee Knoxville, to the best of its ability, determined that the curriculum offered by our Program meets – or does **not** meet – the educational requirements for licensure or certification to practice psychology in each of the States listed in Table 1. For States in which the Program’s educational offerings do not meet a specific State’s requirements for licensure or certification, students may be required to obtain alternate, different, or more courses, or more experiential or clinical hours required. These findings are accurate, to the best of our ability, as of June 30, 2020.

Table 1

In the table below, an asterisk (*) indicates that earning a doctoral degree from a program accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA) is deemed to meet the educational requirements for licensure in that State. The Counseling Psychology Ph.D. Program in the Department of Psychology at the University of Tennessee Knoxville is currently – and has been continuously – accredited by APA since 1980 (see: http://www.apa.org/ed/accreditation). Please note that this table does not include an evaluation of state-specific requirements beyond that of educational or curricular requirements.				
State	Program Satisfies Curricular Requirements?			State Professional Association or License Authority and Notes
	Yes	No	Unable to Determine	
1. Alabama	X*			http://www.psychology.alabama.gov/default.aspx
2. Alaska	X*			https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardofPsychologists.aspx
3. Arizona	X*			https://psychboard.az.gov/
4. Arkansas	X*			https://psychologyboard.arkansas.gov/
5. California		X		https://www.psychology.ca.gov/ Although a doctoral degree in Counseling Psychology is required, additional coursework or experience beyond what is routinely offered at the Counseling Psychology PhD Program at the University of Tennessee Knoxville may be required in California, including pre-license curriculum or training in: human sexuality (10 contact hours); alcoholism/chemical dependency detection and treatment (one semester or quarter); child abuse assessment (7 hours); spousal/partner abuse, detection and intervention strategies (15 contact hours); aging and long-term care (10 contact hours).
6. Colorado	X*			https://dpo.colorado.gov/Psychology
7. Connecticut	X*			https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Public-Health-Hearing-Office/Board-of-Examiners-of-Psychologists/Board-of-Examiners-of-Psychologists
8. Delaware	X*			https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/psychology/
9. District of Columbia	X*			https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/psychology-licensing
10. Florida	X*			https://floridaspsychology.gov/
11. Georgia	X			https://sos.ga.gov/index.php/licensing/plb/44
12. Hawaii	X*			http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/psychology/
13. Idaho	X*			https://ibol.idaho.gov/IBOL/BoardPage.aspx?Bureau=PSY
14. Illinois	X*			https://www.idfpr.com/profs/psych.asp
15. Indiana	X*			https://www.in.gov/pla/psych.htm

16. Iowa	X*			https://www.idph.iowa.gov/Licensure/Iowa-Board-of-Psychology
17. Kansas	X*			https://ksbsrb.ks.gov/
18. Kentucky	X			http://psy.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx
19. Louisiana	X			http://www.lsbep.org/
20. Maine		X		https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/psychologists/ In addition to a doctoral degree from an APA-accredited program like the Counseling Psychology Ph.D. Program at the University of Tennessee Knoxville, Maine requires 3 hours coursework in family/intimate partner violence which may be taken at the post-doctoral level.
21. Maryland	X*			https://health.maryland.gov/psych/Pages/Home.aspx
22. Massachusetts	X*			https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-registration-of-psychologists
23. Michigan	X			https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-89334_72600_72603_27529_27552---,00.html NOTE: Beginning in March 30, 2022, a one-time training in identifying victims of human trafficking must be completed before licensure
24. Minnesota	X*			http://www.psychologyboard.state.mn.us/
25. Mississippi	X*			https://www.psychologyboard.ms.gov/Pages/default.aspx
26. Missouri	X*			https://pr.mo.gov/psychologists.asp
27. Montana	X*			http://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/psy
28. Nebraska	X*			http://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Psychology.aspx
29. Nevada	X*			http://psyexam.nv.gov/
30. New Hampshire	X*			https://www.oplc.nh.gov/psychologists/
31. New Jersey		X		https://www.niconsumeraffairs.gov/psy/ In addition to a doctoral degree from an APA-accredited program like the Counseling Psychology Ph.D. Program at the University of Tennessee Knoxville, New Jersey requires the following breakdown of credits and topic areas, some of which the University of Tennessee Knoxville does not require: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three (3) semester credits in Personality Theory; • Six (6) semester credits in Psychopathology (Our Counseling Psychology Program requires 3 credits)
32. New Mexico	X*			http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/Psychologist_Examiners.aspx
33. New York			X	http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/psych/ In addition to a doctoral degree from a program like the Counseling Psychology Ph.D. Program at University of Tennessee Knoxville, New York requires that the “program must be shown to be substantially equivalent to requirements for qualifying program in NY.” That is determined during the application process.
34. North Carolina	X*			http://www.ncpsychologyboard.org/
35. North Dakota		X		http://ndsbpe.org/index.html North Dakota accepts accredited programs like the University of Tennessee Knoxville’s program to meet educational requirements, but North Dakota specifies that telepsych may not replace face-to-face supervision requirements. Given the current COVID-19 pandemic, it is suggested students interested in North Dakota contact them directly about COVID-related exceptions for telepsych.
36. Ohio	X*			https://psychology.ohio.gov/
37. Oklahoma	X			https://www.ok.gov/psychology/
38. Oregon	X*			https://www.oregon.gov/psychology/pages/index.aspx

39. Pennsylvania	X*			https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Psychology/Pages/default.aspx#.VgG6GN9VhBc
40. Rhode Island	X*			https://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=241
41. South Carolina	X*			https://llr.sc.gov/psych/
42. South Dakota	X*			https://dss.sd.gov/licensingboards/psych/psych.aspx
43. Tennessee	X*			https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/psychology-board/psych-board/about.html
44. Texas	X			http://www.tsbep.texas.gov/index.php
45. Utah	X*			https://dopl.utah.gov/psych/index.html
46. Vermont	X*			https://sos.vermont.gov/
47. Virginia	X*			http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/psychology/
48. Washington	X*			https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/Psychologist.aspx
49. West Virginia	X			https://psychbd.wv.gov/Pages/default.aspx
50. Wisconsin	X			https://dsps.wi.gov/pages/Professions/Psychologist/Default.aspx
51. Wyoming	X*			https://psychology.wyo.gov/