

# Secretary of State Office of Professional Regulation

## PSYCHOLOGIST MASTERS and PSYCHOLOGIST DOCTORATE Application Instructions

#### **EXAMINATION:**

- Submit an online application and pay the non-refundable application fee. Applications are found within
  the online licensing system at:
   <a href="https://secure.professionals.vermont.gov/prweb/PRServlet/app/default/ybVBleIGIHMIPa8qpM9BaiNEZfD">https://secure.professionals.vermont.gov/prweb/PRServlet/app/default/ybVBleIGIHMIPa8qpM9BaiNEZfD</a>
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- If practicing in Vermont, ensure you are entered on the Roster of Non-License, Non-Certified
   Psychotherapists <u>prior</u> to engaging in post-graduate supervision. See the <u>Application Instructions linked</u> here.

Persons practicing psychotherapy, including persons engaged in supervised practice toward licensure as a licensed psychologist, must be entered on the roster to obtain hours if you practice in Vermont. Your supervision hours will not be accepted if you were not on the Roster (hyperlink) during the entire time you were engaged in supervised practice. Information on the Roster is found within the Allied Mental Health profession page. The Roster application is also found within Allied Mental Health in the Online Licensing System.

4000 documented hours of supervised practice are required in Vermont, for both Psychologist-Master and Psychologist-Doctorate licenses. Two different supervisors are required post degree, who supervise at least 500 hours each.

A supervisee may choose to have supervision from a supervisor with a VT provisional license, but the supervisee assumes the risk that the supervisor may not be qualified to provide supervision. The supervisor and the supervisee are subject to all Vermont laws. If that supervisor is later deemed unqualified to provide supervision (e.g., has fewer than 3 years of licensed practice or is not in good standing), the supervised hours acquired by the supervisee will NOT be counted toward licensure.

- 3. If applicable, request an official verification of license be sent to OPR for your initial state of licensure and most recent state of licensure. This must be sent <u>directly</u> from the licensing authority and can be sent by email to <u>SOS.OPRLicensing2@vermont.gov</u> or by post office mail. It is not required that the other state complete the Vermont verification form.
- 4. Request official transcripts be sent to the Office <u>directly from the institution</u> by US mail or email to SOS.OPRLicensing2@vermont.gov. If the school provides you with your transcript, it will only be accepted if they are in a sealed envelope from the school.

If your degree is not from a program approved by the Joint Accreditation Program of the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards, or accredited by the American Psychological Association, or by a full member of the Council of Applied Master's Programs in Psychology, it will be necessary to supply detailed information about your program. The required information is described in the Rules, Sections 2.4 and 2.6.

5. Take the jurisprudence exam and submit your answer sheet with your application. The exam is found within the online application. This is an open book and based directly on the Vermont Statutes and Rules. A passing score requires fewer than six (6) incorrect answers.

- 6. Upload the "Summary of Supervised Experience" form for your pre-degree and post-degree supervised practice.
  - 7. Have your supervisor complete the "Supervision Report" form and submit directly to the office by post office mail or email at sos.oprlicensing2@vermont.gov.
    - Supervisors who are licensed out of state must also submit proof of their licensure. See #2 above or complete the "Verification of Supervisor Licensure" form and send it to their state of licensure to complete and send directly to the Office.
- 8. Submit a "Licensure Course Requirements" form with your application. Once you have submitted a completed application, fee, transcripts and supervision forms, the Board will review your file. An applicant may be approved to sit for the exam after their education has been approved. Once the Board has approved the application and education, you will be notified that you are eligible to sit for the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP). Sixty days are allowed for taking the EPPP at a Prometric Examination Service Center. A passing score of 500 is required for licensure. The examination may be taken no more than four times in any twelve-month period.
- 9. Once everything above has been accepted and complete, your application will be reviewed at the next regular meeting of the Board of Psychological Examiners. Once the education is approved, you will be made eligible to sit for the ASPPB exam. The exam service will send you information on the exam directly.
- 10. Pass the required ASPPB examination.

#### **ENDORSEMENT:**

To qualify to be licensed, an applicant must be licensed or certified in good standing in another jurisdiction in which the standards and qualifications required for regulation in that jurisdiction are substantially equivalent to Vermont's.

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#### **Provisional Licensure**

If you are otherwise qualified for licensure <u>and</u> verification of licensure is the ONLY outstanding deficiency and all other licensing requirements are met including applicable education, exam requirements, you may be issued a 90-day provisional license while the Office awaits receipt of your license verification. If you wish to request a provisional license (if applicable), please indicate within the application.

### FAST TRACK ENDORSEMENT: (Doctorate applicants only)

To qualify to be licensed, an applicant must be actively licensed or certified in good standing in another jurisdiction for three or more years preceding this application.

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- 2. Request an official verification of license be sent directly to the Office. Verification must show proof of continuous licensure in good standing for 3 years preceding the date of this application This must be sent directly from the licensing authority and can be sent by email to <a href="mailto:SOS.OPRLicensing2@vermont.gov">SOS.OPRLicensing2@vermont.gov</a> or by post office mail. It is not required that the other state complete the Vermont verification form.
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NOTE: Any change of address or other contract information, by an applicant or licensee, <u>must</u> be forwarded to this office no later than thirty (30) days after change occurs.