

# Oklahoma State Board of Examiners of Psychologists



## Guidelines for Licensure Candidates to Achieve "Health Service Psychologist" certification when completing a postdoctoral experience in an Academic or Clinical Research Setting

### POSTDOCTORAL SUPERVISION IN AN ACADEMIC OR CLINICAL RESEARCH SETTING:

- **All applicants must:**
  - Complete 2000 hours
  - Receive 75 hours of face to face supervision reasonably distributed throughout each month (*full time = 90 minutes per week*)
  
- **In an academic or clinical research setting** - a minimum of two years is required to fulfill the HSP requirements by performing the following activities. An applicant is required to spend 50% of his/her time performing the activities listed below:
  - ALL ACADEMIC and clinical research SETTING APPLICANTS MUST INCLUDE - Direct service/multiple client contacts per week (minimum of five clients) including service in an agency or university-based clinic, or in a private practice under supervision. *Minimum for applicants in an academic or clinical research setting is 250 hours per year, for a minimum of two years, over the course of the postdoctoral supervision experience.*
  - AN ACADEMIC or clinical research SETTING APPLICANT MAY PERFORM ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:
    - *Modeling and demonstrating clinical techniques, including assessment and therapy.*
    - *Supervision of clinical services, wherein the faculty supervisor assumes direct responsibility for supervisee's clinical work.*
    - *Conducting workshops for community groups or public presentations on mental health related topics.*
  
- The following are examples of additional activities which may count toward supervision hours – (*provided the activities are a part of the postdoctoral experience*)
  - *Research*
  - *Supervision*
  - *Report Writing*

**LICENSING ACT:**

**59 O.S. § 1352**

4. **"Health service"** means the delivery of direct, preventive, assessment and therapeutic intervention services to individuals whose growth, adjustment, or functioning is actually impaired or may be at risk of impairment; and

5. **"Health service psychologist"** means an individual licensed as a psychologist under the Psychologists Licensing Act to provide health services to the public and who engages in the direct practice of psychology and evidences two (2) years of formal supervised experience conducting psychological intervention services as defined by the rules and regulations of the Board. Effective September 1, 1993, "clinical psychologist" and "licensed clinical psychologist" shall mean "health service psychologist". Wherever in the Oklahoma Statutes or in rules promulgated pursuant thereto reference is made to clinical psychologist or licensed clinical psychologist, it shall mean health service psychologist.

**RULES:**

**575:10-1-2:**

(I) **Postdoctoral experience.** At least one year of the two-year experience requirement must be postdoctoral experience as a psychologist and in line with the applicant's major program of doctoral study as determined according to the procedure stated in 575:10-1-2(e).

(1) Except in school psychology, the postdoctoral experience must be a total of 2000 hours of appropriate experience. The postdoctoral experience must either be full time (40 hours per week) for at least one calendar year (50 weeks), or part-time for a period not to exceed three years.

(2) The postdoctoral experience in school psychology must be full time (40 hours per week) for at least one calendar year (50 weeks) or one academic contract year, or a total of 2000 hours (or the number of hours in an academic contract year) of appropriate experience, or equivalent, for a period not to exceed three years.

(3) The postdoctoral experience must be under the supervision of a licensed psychologist(s) who was trained in the applicant's major program of doctoral study, or a closely related program, and who is currently engaged in rendering psychological services relevant to that training.

(4) Applicants must have received and accumulated 75 hours of regularly scheduled, formal, face-to-face, individual supervision from his/her supervisor(s) reasonably distributed throughout each 12 months of the postdoctoral experience.

(5) The postdoctoral experience does not have to be in a private setting.

(6) The postdoctoral experience of applicants who desire a Health Service Psychologist designation must also meet the requirements of 575:10-1-6(b)(5)(B).

**575:10-1-6:**

(b)(5) **Health Service Psychologist.** The purpose of establishing a Health Service Psychologist certification is to protect the public, and to assist agencies and the courts by defining those psychologists who are, by training and supervised experience, qualified to provide professional psychological services to the public. In order to qualify for certification as a Health Service Psychologist, a psychologist licensed in the State of Oklahoma must:

(A) be Board Certified by the American Board of Professional Psychology, or

(B) have two years of supervised experience in health services psychology, one of which is a doctoral internship consistent with their university doctoral program in an organized health services training program, and one of which was post-doctoral at a site where health services are provided.