

## **Academic program professional licensure disclosure 6/5/23:**

### Professional Licensure Disclosures

The Clinical Science program at Virginia Tech (VT) makes every effort to ensure state licensure or certification information is current; however, state requirements may change. If you are planning to pursue professional licensure or certification in the future, it is strongly recommended that you contact the appropriate licensing entity in that state to seek information and guidance regarding licensure or certification requirements before beginning an academic program.

For more information on professional licensure preparation in clinical psychology and to advise you on any questions you may have, please contact Dr. Angela Scarpa at [ascarpa@vt.edu](mailto:ascarpa@vt.edu) or visit VT's professional licensure disclosure page at <https://vtonline.vt.edu/State-Authorizations-SARA.html>

The doctoral program in Clinical Science at VT is accredited by APA (American Psychological Association) and PCSAS (Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System). APA accreditation is recognized in all 50 states as providing required education for psychology license eligibility. State Boards of Psychology determine training requirements for licensure and typically include post-doctoral training as well as examinations beyond the educational requirements, so a doctoral degree from VT in Clinical Science is not sufficient to meet licensure requirements in most states. Students should confirm state licensing requirements directly with the state they are interested in licensure. ASPPB (Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards) provides a compendium called PsyBook at <http://psybook.asppb.org/> which summarizes requirements for most states, and may be a helpful resource for students determining vocational location and licensing requirements. As an update, the ASPPB has added information about state licensing requirements on their website. It can be located here, under consumer information disclosures: <https://asppbcentre.org/additional-resources/survey-questions-and-answers/>, but the last update as of this writing appears to be July 15, 2021. Eventually, this information will be updated annually on the PSY/Book site. In the meantime, this link might be useful if you are interested in looking up states where you might wish to be licensed.

Generally, the way licensure works in clinical psychology, is (1) complete an approved education program. APA accredited programs are recognized in all states, although some states impose additional education and training requirements; (2) complete an APPIC (Association of Psychology and Postdoctoral Internship Centers) accredited full-time one year internship—internship is a requirement for the degree if you are in an APA accredited program such as VT's, and APPIC coordinates a nationwide internship match for students each year; (3) complete a 1 year post-doctoral fellowship with supervised clinical experience under the appropriate license or registration for the state you are located in (some states do not require a post-doc); (4) take the national (EPPP—Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology) and state examinations required; (5) complete any additional requirements for the state you are seeking licensure in (typically background checks and credential verifications, but some states have some specific training requirements as well).

VT's Clinical Science program produces graduates who are successfully licensed as psychologists in many states. To our knowledge, no VT graduate has been turned down for psychology licensure due to insufficiencies in the education and training our program provides, but as noted above some states do have additional training and education requirements and most states have post-doctoral clinical supervision requirements as well.

Below is a state-by-state listing of our recent understanding of educational requirements, based largely on the annual review by ASPPB, to give you a general idea of how well VT fits with the educational requirements of

each state (i.e., satisfying #1 above: completing an approved education program). You should directly check the web sites of the State Licensing Board you are interested in for the most accurate and up to date information on educational and other requirements for licensure as there is no guarantee that our summary or ASPPB's is entirely accurate and up to date.

Note that the requirement for Consumer Information Disclosures comes from the U.S. Department of Education, so this document only includes state-by-state requirements for licensure. The Canadian psychology regulatory community has agreed that a doctoral degree earned in a program accredited by the Canadian Psychological Association (or the American Psychological Association) is the standard acceptable for registration as a Psychologist. Canadian provinces are all in the process of moving to that standard.

**State Licensing Boards** (*\* indicates that receiving a doctoral degree from an APA-accredited program meets the educational requirements in that state or jurisdiction*)

**\*Alabama**

**Board of Examiners in Psychology** <http://psychology.alabama.gov/>

Completion of VT's doctoral program in clinical science --accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Alabama educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

**\*Alaska**

**The Board of Psychologists and Psychological Associate Examiners**

<https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardofPsychologists.aspx>

Completion of VT's doctoral program in clinical science --accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Alaska educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

**\*Arizona**

**Board of Psychologist Examiners** <https://psychboard.az.gov/applications/psychologist-applications>

Completion of VT's doctoral program in clinical science --accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Arizona educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

**\*Arkansas**

**Psychology Board** <https://psychologyboard.arkansas.gov/>

Completion of VT's doctoral program in clinical science --accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Arkansas educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

**California**

**Board of Psychology** <https://www.psychology.ca.gov/>

Completion of VT's doctoral program in clinical science accredited by APA and PCSAS **does not** meet California educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist. California accepts accredited programs like ours to meet educational degree requirements; but California also requires additional specific coursework or continuing education training prior to licensure. Specifically, CA licensure requires additional coursework or training experiences in 1) human sexuality, 2) child abuse assessment, 3) spousal/partner abuse assessment, detection and intervention strategies, 4) aging and long-term care, 5) alcohol/chemical substance dependency detection and treatment, and 6) suicide risk assessment and intervention.

## **\*Colorado**

### **Department of Regulatory Agencies Division of Professions and Occupations**

<https://dpo.colorado.gov/Psychology>

Completion of VT's doctoral program in clinical science -- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Colorado educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist candidate.

## **\*Connecticut**

**State Department of Public Health.** <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Practitioner-Licensing--Investigations/Psychology/Psychologist-Licensure>

Completion of VT's doctoral program in clinical science --accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Connecticut educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

## **\*Delaware**

### **Division of Professional Regulation Board of Examiners of Psychologists**

<https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/psychology/>

Completion of VT's doctoral program in clinical science --accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Delaware educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

## **\*District of Columbia**

**DC Health Board of Psychology** <https://dchealth.dc.gov/node/160282>

Completion of VT's doctoral program in clinical science -- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets District of Columbia educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

## **\*Florida**

**Board of Psychology** <https://floridaspsychology.gov/>

Completion of VT's doctoral program in clinical science -- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Florida educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

## **\*Georgia**

**Board of Psychology.** <https://sos.ga.gov/georgia-state-board-examiners-psychologists>

Completion of VT's doctoral program in clinical science --accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Georgia educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

## **\*Hawaii**

**Department of Commerce and Human Affairs Professional & Vocational Licensing Division Board of Psychology** <http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/psychology/>

Completion of VT's doctoral program in clinical science --accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Hawaii educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

## **\*Idaho**

**Board of Psychologist Examiners** <https://ibol.idaho.gov/IBOL/BoardPage.aspx?Bureau=PSY>

Completion of VT's doctoral program in clinical science -- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Idaho educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

**\*Illinois**

**Clinical Psychologists Licensing and Disciplinary Board** <https://idfpr.illinois.gov/profs/boards/psy.html>

Completion of VT's doctoral program in clinical science --accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Illinois educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

**\*Indiana**

**State Psychology Board** <https://www.in.gov/pla/professions/psychology-home/>

Completion of VT's doctoral program in clinical science --accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Indiana educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

**\*Iowa**

**Board of Psychology** <https://idph.iowa.gov/Licensure/iowa-Board-of-Psychology>

Completion of VT's doctoral program in clinical science --accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Iowa educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

**\*Kansas**

**Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board** <https://ksbsrb.ks.gov/>

Completion of VT's doctoral program in clinical science --accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Kansas educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

**\*Kentucky**

**Public Protection Cabinet Office of Occupations and Professions Board of Psychology** <https://psy.ky.gov/>

Completion of VT's doctoral program in clinical science --accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Kentucky educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

**\*Louisiana**

**State Board of Examiners of Psychologists** <http://www.lsbep.org/>

Completion of VT's doctoral program in clinical science --accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Louisiana educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

**\*Maine**

**Board of Examiners of Psychologists**

<https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/psychologists/index.html>

Completion of VT's doctoral program in clinical science --accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Maine educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

**\*Maryland**

**Department of Health Board of Examiners of Psychologists**

<https://health.maryland.gov/psych/Pages/home.aspx>

Completion of VT's doctoral program in clinical science --accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Maryland educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

**\*Massachusetts**

**Board of Registration of Psychologists** <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-registration-of-psychologists>

Completion of VT's doctoral program in clinical science --accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Massachusetts educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

## **Michigan**

### **Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Board of Psychology**

[https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-89334\\_72600\\_72603\\_27529\\_27552---,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-89334_72600_72603_27529_27552---,00.html)

Completion of VT's doctoral program in clinical science accredited by APA and PCSAS **does not** meet Michigan educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist. Michigan accepts accredited programs like ours to meet educational degree requirements; but Michigan also requires additional specific coursework or continuing education training prior to licensure. Specifically, Michigan requires additional training in identifying victims of human trafficking before being approved for licensure. See Michigan admin code R.338-2525 for several possibilities that meet this requirement ranging from reading an article to taking a continuing education workshop <https://casetext.com/regulation/michigan-administrative-code/department-licensing-and-regulatory-affairs/bureau-of-professional-licensing/board-of-psychology/board-of-psychology-general-rules/part-1-general-provisions/section-r-3382525-training-standards-for-identifying-victims-of-human-trafficking-requirements>.

## **\*Minnesota**

### **Board of Psychology** <https://mn.gov/boards/psychology/>

Completion of VT's doctoral program in clinical science --accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Minnesota educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

## **\*Mississippi**

### **Board of Psychology** <https://www.psychologyboard.ms.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

Completion of VT's doctoral program in clinical science -- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Mississippi educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

## **\*Missouri**

### **Division of Professional Registration Committee of Psychologists** <https://pr.mo.gov/psychologists.asp>

Completion of VT's doctoral program in clinical science --- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Missouri educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

## **\*Montana**

### **Department of Labor & Industry Board of Psychology** <http://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/psy>

Completion of VT's doctoral program in clinical science -accredited accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Montana educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

## **\*Nebraska**

### **Department of Health & Human Services Psychology** <http://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Psychology.aspx>

Completion of VT's doctoral program in clinical science - accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Nebraska educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

## **\*Nevada**

### **Board of Psychological Examiners** <http://psyexam.nv.gov/>

Completion of VT's doctoral program in clinical science-- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Nevada educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

**\*New Hampshire**

**Board of Psychologists** <https://www.oplc.nh.gov/board-psychologists>

Completion of VT's doctoral program in clinical science -- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets New Hampshire educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

**\*New Jersey**

**New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs State Board of Psychological Affairs**

<https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/psy/Pages/default.aspx>

Completion of VT's doctoral program in clinical science -- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets New Jersey's educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

**\*New Mexico**

**Psychologist Examiners** <https://www.rld.nm.gov/boards-and-commissions/individual-boards-and-commissions/psychologist-examiners/>

Completion of VT's doctoral program in clinical science -- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets New Mexico educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

**New York**

**Office of the Professions: Psychology** <https://www.op.nysed.gov/professions/psychology/status>

New York accepts accredited programs like ours to meet educational degree requirements; but also requires coursework or training in the identification and reporting of child abuse in accordance with Section 6507(3)(a) of the Education Law. Refer to [additional information and a list of approved providers](#) for this training.

**\*North Carolina**

**Psychology Board** <http://www.ncpsychologyboard.org/>

Completion of VT's doctoral program in clinical science -- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets North Carolina educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

**\*North Dakota**

**State Board of Psychology Examiners** <http://www.ndsbpe.org/index.html>

Completion of VT's doctoral program in clinical science-- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets North Dakota educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

**\*Ohio**

**Board of Psychology** <https://psychology.ohio.gov/>

Completion of VT's doctoral program in clinical science-- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Ohio educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

**\*Oklahoma**

**State Board of Examiners of Psychologists** <https://www.ok.gov/psychology/>

Completion of VT's doctoral program in clinical science-- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Oklahoma educational requirements to apply for licensure as a Practice Under Supervision Psychologist (Institutional or Private Practice). Completion of post-doctoral supervision is required to apply for the psychologist license.

#### **\*Oregon**

**Board of Psychology.** <https://www.oregon.gov/psychology/pages/index.aspx>

Completion of VT's doctoral program in clinical science -- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Oregon educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

#### **Pacific Territories**

VT's doctoral program in clinical science has not determined whether completion of the doctoral program in clinical psychology-- accredited by APA and PCSAS--meets educational requirements to apply for registration or licensure as psychologist in Pacific Territories.

#### **Pennsylvania**

##### **State Board of Psychology**

<https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Psychology/Pages/default.aspx>

Pennsylvania accepts accredited programs like ours to meet educational degree requirements; but also requires applicants to complete 3 hours of Board-approved continuing education in child abuse recognition and reporting for initial licensure.

#### **Puerto Rico**

VT's doctoral program in clinical science has not determined whether completion of the doctoral program in clinical psychology-- accredited by APA and PCSAS--meets educational requirements to apply for registration or licensure as psychologist in Puerto Rico.

#### **\*Rhode Island**

**Department of Health: Psychology** <https://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=241>

Completion of VT's doctoral program in clinical science -- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Rhode Island educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

#### **\*South Carolina**

**Labor Licensing Regulation Board of Examiners in Psychology** <https://llr.sc.gov/psych/>

Completion of VT's doctoral program in clinical science -- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets South Carolina educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

#### **\*South Dakota**

**Board of Examiners of Psychologists** <https://dss.sd.gov/licensingboards/psych/psych.aspx>

Completion of VT's doctoral program in clinical science -- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets South Dakota educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

#### **\*Tennessee**

**Department of Health: Board of Examiners of Psychology** <https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/psychology-board.html>

Completion of VT's doctoral program in clinical science -- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Tennessee educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

**\*Texas**

**Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists** <https://www.bhec.texas.gov/texas-state-board-of-examiners-of-psychologists/index.html>

Completion of VT's doctoral program in clinical science --accredited by APA and PCSAS meets Texas educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

**\*Utah**

**Department of Commerce Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing: Psychology**  
<https://dopl.utah.gov/psych/>

Completion of VT's doctoral program in clinical science -- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Utah educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

**\*Vermont**

**Board of Psychological Examiners** <https://sos.vermont.gov/psychological-examiners/forms-instructions/>

Completion of VT's doctoral program in clinical science -- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Vermont educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

**\*U.S. Virgin Islands**

**Board of Psychology Examiners** <http://usvippsychologyboard.com/>

Completion of VT's doctoral program in clinical science -- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Virginia Islands educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

**\*Virginia**

**Department of Health Professions Board of Psychology**  
<http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Boards/Psychology/PractitionerResources/LawsRegulations/>

Completion of VT's doctoral program in clinical science -- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Virginia educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

**\*Washington**

**Examining Board of Psychology**  
<https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/Psychologist/LicenseRequirements>

Completion of VT's doctoral program in clinical science -- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Washington educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

**\*West Virginia**

**Board of Examiners of Psychologists** <https://psychbd.wv.gov/license-info/Pages/default.aspx>

Completion of VT's doctoral program in clinical science -- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets West Virginia educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

**\*Wisconsin**



**Department of Safety and Professional Services: Psychologist**

<https://dsps.wi.gov/Pages/Professions/Psychologist/Default.aspx>

Completion of VT's doctoral program in clinical science -- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Wisconsin educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.

**\*Wyoming**

**Wyoming Mental Health Professions Licensing Board** <https://psychology.wyo.gov/professionals/forms>

Completion of VT's doctoral program in clinical science -- accredited by APA and PCSAS-- meets Wyoming educational requirements to apply for licensure as a psychologist.