

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 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 the 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 and territories are all in the process of moving to that standard.

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State	VT Program Meets Criteria for Licensure Requirements?			State Professional Association or License Authority and Notes
	Yes	No	Unable to Determine	
1. Alabama	X			https://psychology.alabama.gov/
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	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 in of itself, although an accredited degree is required. In addition to accepting California accredited programs like ours to meet educational degree requirements, 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.
6. Colorado	X		https://dpo.colorado.gov/Psychology
7. Connecticut	X		https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Practitioner-Licensing--Investigations/Psychology/Psychologist-Licensure
8. District of Columbia	X		https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/psychology-licensing
9. Delaware	X		https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/psychology/
10. Florida	X		https://floridapsychology.gov/
11. Georgia	X		https://rules.sos.ga.gov/gac/510-2
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/professions/psychology-home/psychology-licensing-information/#Psychologist_By_Exam
16. Iowa	X		https://dial.iowa.gov/i-need/licenses/medical/mental-health/psychology/how-do-i-permanent-psychologist
17. Kansas	X		https://www.ksbsrb.ks.gov/forms/-folder-25
18. Kentucky	X		https://psy.ky.gov/new_docs.aspx?cat=101
19. Louisiana	X		http://www.lsbep.org/
20. Maine	X		https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/board-examiners-psychologists/licensing/conditional-temporary-psychologists
21. Maryland	X		https://health.maryland.gov/psych/Pages/Home.aspx
22. Massachusetts	X		https://www.mass.gov/lists/psychologists-applications-and-forms
23. Michigan		X	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.
24. Minnesota	X		https://mn.gov/boards/psychology/licensees/faqs/
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		https://psyexam.nv.gov/Forms/ALL/PsychologistAppInfo/
30. New Hampshire	X		https://www.oplc.nh.gov/applications-psychologists
31. New Jersey	X		https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/psy/Pages/FAQ.aspx
32. New Mexico	X		https://www.rld.nm.gov/boards-and-commissions/individual-boards-and-commissions/psychologist-examiners/licensing-registration-and-renewal/
33. New York		X	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.
34. North Carolina	X			https://www.ncpsychologyboard.org/applications/application-for-licensure/
35. North Dakota	X			https://www.ndsbpe.org/licensee%2Fapp-lic-instruct.asp
36. Ohio	X			https://psychology.ohio.gov/licensing-and-renewal/getting-licensed-sa/psychologist/Psychologist-application/01-general-application
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/Psychologist-Licensure-Requirements-Snapshot.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.
40. Rhode Island	X			https://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=241
41. South Carolina	X			https://lfr.sc.gov/psych/licensure.aspx
42. South Dakota	X			https://dss.sd.gov/licensingboards/psych/licensing.aspx
43. Tennessee	X			https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/psychology-board.html
44. Texas	X			https://bhec.texas.gov/texas-state-board-of-examiners-of-psychologists/applying-for-a-license/
45. Utah	X			https://www.dopl.utah.gov/psychology/apply-for-a-license/psychologist/
46. Vermont	X			https://sos.vermont.gov/psychological-examiners/forms-instructions/
47. Virginia	X			https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Boards/Psychology/PractitionerResources/ApplicationsandForms/
48. Washington	X			https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/Psychologist/LicenseRequirements
49. West Virginia	X			https://psychbd.wv.gov/license-info/Pages/default.aspx
50. Wisconsin	X			https://dsps.wi.gov/Pages/Professions/Psychologist/Default.aspx
51. Wyoming	X			https://psychology.wyo.gov/professionals/forms
52. American Samoa	X			https://doh.as/services/behavioral-health/ https://asbar.org/regulation/31-0424-additional-qualifications/
53. Guam	X			https://guamhplo.org/gbahe/forms
54. Northern Mariana Islands	X			https://www.cnmilicensing.gov.mp/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Part-4900-Psychologist.pdf
55. Puerto Rico	X			https://www.salud.pr.gov/CMS/130
56. US Virgin Islands	X			https://www.usvippsychologyboard.com/rules-regulations/