

To: All Supervising Psychologists

From: Tennessee Board of Examiners in Psychology

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Subject: Postdoctoral Supervision

Pursuant to Rule 1180-2-.02 (d) one (1) year of postdoctoral supervised experience, in addition to a qualifying internship, is required for licensure as a Psychologist with Health Service Provider designation.

Post-doctoral training in Tennessee should be undertaken only by applicants who have been issued a provisional license or are a licensed Psychological Examiner and are under the supervision of a licensed Psychologist/HSP competent in the training area. The board issues a provisional license to HSP applicants after review of the application including the affidavit from the Psychologist/HSP who will serve as the applicant's supervisor for the postdoctoral experience. The supervisor undertakes fiducial and legal obligations to both the applicant and patients who are treated by the applicant. Applicants and supervisors are reminded that unlicensed practice in Tennessee is unethical and may be the subject to disciplinary action. The postdoctoral supervised hours must be obtained following the requirements stipulated in Rule 1180-2-.02(2).

A provisional license becomes invalid for the following reasons: 1. Failure to take the EPPP within one (1) year of the issuance of the provisional license or the second failure of the EPPP after the issuance of the provisional license; 2. Failure to pass the oral and/or jurisprudence examination within two (2) years of the issuance of the provisional license or the second failure of the oral and/or jurisprudence exam after the issuance of the provisional license; and, 4. Expiration of the provisional license.

When the provisional license becomes invalid for any reason it must be returned to the Board office within ten (10) days. The supervisor shall be responsible for monitoring this requirement and the Board will notify the supervisor when the provisional license becomes invalid.