

**ADOPTED REGULATION OF THE BOARD OF
PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS**

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [~~omitted material~~] is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: § 1, NRS 641.100, 641.110 and 641.220.

A REGULATION relating to psychology; revising provisions relating to continuing education requirements to renew a license to practice psychology; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law provides for the regulation of the practice of psychology by the Board of Psychological Examiners and requires the Board to adopt regulations regarding continuing education requirements for the renewal of a license to practice psychology. (NRS 641.100, 641.220) Existing regulations require a licensed psychologist to complete 30 hours of continuing education courses approved by the Board in the 2 years immediately preceding the date he or she submits an application for renewal of his or her license. (NAC 641.136) This regulation revises provisions relating to that continuing education requirement to include the acceptance of not more than 15 hours of approved continuing professional development toward the requirement. This regulation also sets forth the types of continuing professional development the Board will accept in satisfaction of the continuing education requirement.

Section 1. NAC 641.136 is hereby amended to read as follows:

641.136 1. To renew his or her license, a psychologist must certify to the Board that during the 2 years immediately preceding the date he or she submits an application for renewal, he or she has completed 30 hours of continuing education ~~in courses~~ approved by the Board ~~+~~

~~At~~, **which must include:**

(a) At least 6 hours ~~must include~~ of instruction in scientific and professional ethics and standards, and common areas of professional misconduct ~~1~~;

(b) At least 2 hours ~~must include~~ of instruction in evidence-based suicide prevention and awareness ~~1~~;

(c) At least 6 hours ~~must include~~ of instruction relating to cultural competency and diversity, equity and inclusion ~~1~~;

(d) Not more than 15 hours ~~may be obtained~~ of instruction from an approved home study course ~~. A licensee may not receive credit for continuing education for a course in which he or she is the instructor.~~; and

(e) **Not more than 15 hours of approved continuing professional development.**

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~3, 4~~, the Board will accept the following types of continuing education courses or programs ~~1~~ towards satisfaction of the continuing education required by subsection 1:

(a) Formally organized workshops, seminars or classes which maintain an attendance roster and are conducted by or under the auspices of an accredited institution of higher education offering graduate instruction.

(b) Workshops, seminars or classes which maintain an attendance roster and are certified or recognized by a state, national or international accrediting agency, including, but not limited to:

(1) The American Psychological Association;

(2) The American Psychiatric Association;

(3) The American Medical Association;

(4) The American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy;

- (5) The American Counseling Association;
- (6) The International Congress of Psychology; or
- (7) The National Association of Social Workers.

(c) Other workshops, classes, seminars and training sessions in psychology or a closely related discipline which have a formal curriculum and attendance roster and receive approval by the Board.

(d) Home study courses in psychology or a closely related discipline that are approved by the Board.

3. *The Board will accept towards satisfaction of the continuing education required by paragraph (e) of subsection 1:*

- (a) *Not more than 3 hours of continuing education credit in each of the following areas:*
 - (1) *One hour of continuing education credit for each hour of peer consultation;*
 - (2) *One hour of continuing education credit for each hour of service on the governing board, committee, editorial board, scientific grant review team or in a position of leadership of a psychological association; and*
 - (3) *Three hours of continuing education credit for each full day of attendance at a conference or convention related to psychology, where continuing education credits are not earned or offered for attending the conference or convention.*
- (b) *Not more than 6 hours of continuing education credit in each of the following areas:*
 - (1) *A number of hours of continuing education credit equivalent to the number of course credits earned in completing a doctoral-level psychology course;*

(2) One hour of continuing education credit for teaching a continuing education course that is approved by the Board;

(3) Six hours of continuing education credit for teaching a semester of a graduate-level applied psychology course that is accredited by the American Psychological Association, including preparation of materials for such a course; and

(4) Six hours of continuing education credit for authoring a book, a chapter in a book or a peer-reviewed manuscript in the field of psychology that is accepted for publishing, for each book, chapter or manuscript.

4. Before a licensee may receive credit for continuing education for a course in scientific and professional ethics and standards and common areas of professional misconduct, for a course in evidence-based suicide prevention and awareness, or for a course relating to cultural competency and diversity, equity and inclusion, the licensee must submit information concerning the course to the Board for approval of the course unless the Board has previously approved the course. The Board will make available at its office a list of courses and programs that are currently approved by the Board.