

**PROPOSED 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: §§1-3, NRS 641.100 and 641.220.

A REGULATION relating to continuing education; revising provisions governing the format of continuing education courses which satisfy the continuing education requirements for certain licenses issued by the Board of Psychological Examiners; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

Existing law requires the Board of Psychological Examiners to adopt regulations establishing qualifications for the issuance or renewal of a license by the Board. (NRS 641.100) Existing regulations require a person to complete 30 hours of continuing education to renew his or her license as a psychologist, licensed behavioral analyst or licensed assistant behavioral analyst. (NAC 641.136, 641.1363) Of those 30 hours, not more than 15 hours may be obtained from a distance education course, which is defined as a course of instruction in which the student receives instruction at a location at which the instructor is not physically present. (NAC 641.007, 641.136, 641.1363)

This regulation replaces the phrase “distance education course” with the phrase “home study course.” Under **section 1** of this regulation, a home study course is a course designed for home study: (1) which is available to a participant on demand at a location where the instructor is not physically present; and (2) in which a participant does not have the ability to communicate with the instructor in real time.

**Section 1.** NAC 641.007 is hereby amended to read as follows:

641.007  ~~{“Distance education”}~~ *“Home study* course” means a course of instruction  ~~{in which the student receives instruction at a location at which the instructor is not physically present. The term includes, without limitation, a course}~~ designed for home study  ~~{and a course}~~ in which  ~~{instruction}~~ :

1. *Instruction* is provided ~~[via CD-ROM, the Internet or videoconference.]~~ *to the participant on demand at a location at which the instructor is not physically present; and*
2. *There is no ability for the participant to communicate with the instructor in real time during the course of instruction.*

**Sec. 2.** 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 . ~~[pursuant to subsection 2 or NAC 641.138.]~~ At least 6 hours must include instruction in scientific and professional ethics and standards, and common areas of professional misconduct. At least 2 hours must include instruction in evidence-based suicide prevention and awareness. Not more than 15 hours may be obtained from an approved ~~[distance education]~~ *home study* course. A licensee may not receive credit for continuing education for a course in which he or she is the instructor.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the Board will accept the following types of continuing education courses or programs:

(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) ~~Distance education~~ *Home study* courses in psychology or a closely related discipline that are approved by the Board.

3. 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 or a course in evidence-based suicide prevention and awareness, 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.

**Sec. 3.** NAC 641.1363 is hereby amended to read as follows:

641.1363 1. To renew his or her license, a licensed behavior analyst or licensed assistant behavior analyst must certify to the Board that during the 2 years immediately preceding the date he or she submits an application for renewal, the applicant has completed 30 hours of continuing education that is approved by the Board. At least 6 hours must include instruction in scientific and professional ethics and standards, and common areas of professional misconduct. At least 2

hours must include instruction in evidence-based suicide prevention and awareness. Not more than 15 hours may be obtained from an approved ~~distance education~~ *home study* course.

2. A licensed behavior analyst or licensed assistant behavior analyst may not receive continuing education credit for a workshop, seminar, class or course in which he or she is the instructor.

3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, the continuing education required pursuant to this section may include, without limitation:

(a) A workshop, seminar, class or ~~distance education~~ *home study* course in psychology, applied behavior analysis or a closely related discipline which maintains an attendance roster and which is:

(1) Conducted under the auspices of an accredited college or university offering undergraduate- or graduate-level instruction; or

(2) Certified or recognized by a state, regional, national or international accrediting agency, including, without limitation:

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

(II) The American Counseling Association;

(III) The American Medical Association;

(IV) The American Psychiatric Association;

(V) The American Psychological Association;

(VI) The Association for Behavior Analysis International;

(VII) The Behavior Analyst Certification Board, Inc.;

(VIII) The International Congress of Psychology; and

(IX) The National Association of Social Workers; or

(b) A workshop, seminar, class or ~~distance education~~ *home study* course in psychology, applied behavior analysis or a closely related discipline which is approved by the Board.

4. Before a licensed behavior analyst or a licensed assistant behavior analyst may receive credit for continuing education for a course in scientific and professional ethics and standards, and common areas of professional misconduct or a course in evidence-based suicide prevention and awareness, he or she 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.