

If I work as a postdoctoral trainee without proper registration as a PA, what are the repercussions?

First, if you apply for licensure the Board will **NOT** accept post-doc hours obtained in *Nevada* that were not obtained under a valid (i.e. registered) psychological assistantship

Second, you will have to complete at least 1750 hours of supervision as a validly registered psychological assistant.

Third, the Board may take action against you for unlicensed practice in the state.

Fourth, The Board may take action against your supervisor for supporting unlicensed activity, which could harm their license.

Be aware that you are not registered until you receive formal approval of your application. The Board notifies you and your supervisor by mail upon approval.

When can I take the EPPP?

You will be registered by the Board with ASPPB to attempt the EPPP, once your application has been completed and approved through PLUS/PSY|PRO system and you have paid your registration fee to the Board

Additional information can be found on the Board Website.

www.psyexam.nv.gov

www.asppb.net

Registration as a Psychological Assistant (PA)

What you need to know about the registration process and how it fits into your path to licensure as a Psychologist in Nevada.

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What does it mean to register as a Psychological Assistant (PA)? One of the requirements to become a licensed Psychologist in Nevada is 1750 hours of supervised *postdoctoral* training. Registration as a PA is the mechanism by which a qualified individual may obtain postdoctoral training hours. Registration requires a complete and Board-approved application documenting your education, training and proposed postdoctoral training plan. PAs are only allowed to work if they are registered under the license of a Nevada Psychologist. PAs may not provide psychological services unless they are supervised and registered properly.

Who needs to register? Any person who has an APA-accredited (or equivalent) doctoral degree in health service psychology and wishes to work in Nevada to earn supervised postdoctoral training must apply for registration as a Psychological Assistant.

When do I register? Once all requirements for the doctoral degree have been met and an agreement has been made with a Nevada licensed psychologist to supervise your training, you may apply for PA registration.

Where do I find the documents to apply for registration? The information form, which will open your application with the Board, can be found on the Board website.

How do I apply to register? Submit the information form as prescribed on the Board website. Once the Board receives this form, you will be contacted by ASPPB (Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards) to begin the PLUS (Psychology Licensure Universal System) application. You must complete the PLUS application to be considered for registration. Upon completion of the PLUS, the Board office will notify you of the status of your application. You have 3 months after you initiate your application to complete it. *The Board may close your file if you do not complete your application within the 3 month window.*

Why is there a requirement to register? It is ILLEGAL to provide psychological services in Nevada without being registered or licensed by the Board. Providing services without the proper Board approval can result in a public reprimand and a report of unlicensed practice to all reporting agencies (State of Nevada, National Practitioner Database [NPDB] etc.)

Why does Nevada require the Psychology Licensure Universal System (PLUS) application?

Nevada was one of the first states to pilot the PLUS, a system designed by ASPPB to assist psychologists in having maximum licensure mobility. PLUS is an online system designed to allow individuals to apply for licensure, or registration in any state, province, or territory in the United States or Canada currently participating in the PLUS program. PLUS also banks your credentials for your entire career. You can find additional information on the PLUS and PSY|PRO system on ASPPB's website- www.asppb.net

What's the Purpose of a Work Agreement?

The agreement is required by NAC 641.153. The Board reviews the agreement to ensure that the PA is receiving training is not being taken advantage of for profit by the supervisor, and that the supervisor is qualified. Additionally, the Board verifies that both the supervisor and PA have agreed to the terms relating to salary, supervision and work load.

Agreements and supervision should meet the requirements of NAC 641.151- 641.161.

Is there a list of preapproved supervisors? The Board does not preapprove supervisors. The Board reviews each proposed supervision arrangement and agreement individually.

Will the Board deny my supervision? The Board will only deny supervision agreements that do not meet the rules and regulations, especially those listed in NAC 641.151- 641-161. The Board has developed these regulations to protect trainees and the public.

Why do I have to pay a registration fee? The Board is funded solely by licensing, application, and registration fees. With these fees the Board is able to carry out its day to day operations in service of its primary mission to protect the public.

Why do I have to submit quarterly logs? The Board monitors your progress toward licensure by reviewing your logs. For example, the Board staff checks to make sure you are getting your supervision and tracks your progress so they may invite you to take the state licensing exam as soon as you are eligible.