

Notice of Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Regulation

The State of Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners, 4600 Kietzke Lane, B-116 Reno, Nevada 89502 775-688-1268 is proposing the Amendment of regulations pertaining to chapter 641 of Nevada Administrative Code.

A workshop has been set for August 15, 2016, 9:00 a.m. at University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 4505 S. Maryland Pkwy. CBC B-117, Las Vegas, NV 89154 And by video conference to University of Nevada, Reno Knowledge Center Room 110, Reno, Nevada 89557

The purpose of the workshop is to solicit comments from interested persons on the following general topics that are addressed in the proposed regulations:

LCB File R131-15: relating to psychologists; clarifying certain requirements concerning the licensure by the Board of Psychological Examiners of a person who is engaged in the teaching of psychology or in psychological research; revising certain requirements for applicants for licensure who have not earned a doctoral degree in psychology or who have completed a training program that is not accredited by the American Psychological Association; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

LCB File R038-16: relating to psychology; revising provisions relating to educational and training requirements for psychologists; revising provisions relating to internship requirements for an applicant for licensure as a psychologist; requiring the continuing education received by a psychologist, licensed behavior analyst or licensed assistant behavior analyst to renew his or her license to include instruction in evidence-based suicide prevention and awareness; revising provisions relating to the supervision of a psychological assistant; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Find the Legislative Counsel's Digest of R131-15 and R038-16 attached to this notice, a full copy of all proposed changes may be obtained at the workshop or by contacting the State of Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners, 4600 Kietzke Lane, B-116 Reno, Nevada 89502. 775-688-1268 or NBOP@govmail.state.nv.us. A reasonable fee for copying may be charged.

This Notice of Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Regulation has been sent to all persons on the agency's mailing list for administrative regulations and posted at the following locations and the Board's website psyexam.nv.gov:

Carson City Hall, 200 N. Carson Street, Carson City, NV
Grant Sawyer Building, 555 E. Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, NV
Washoe County Library, 301 S. Center Street, Reno, NV
Board of Psychological Examiners, 4600 Kietzke Lane, Bldg, B-116, Reno, NV
Office of the Attorney General, 100 N. Carson Street, Carson City, NV

Date: August 1, 2016

PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS

LCB File No. R131-15

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law governing the practice of psychology specifies that a person is not prevented from engaging in the teaching of psychology or in psychological research without obtaining a license if the teaching or research does not involve the delivery or supervision of direct psychological services to a person. (NRS 641.390) This regulation clarifies that a person who engages in the teaching of psychology or in psychological research that involves the delivery or supervision of direct psychological services to a person is required to obtain a license under the provisions of chapter 641 of NRS.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing regulations set forth the educational requirements for licensure as a psychologist. (NAC 641.061) Section 2 of this regulation requires an applicant for licensure as a psychologist who has not earned a doctoral degree in psychology or completed equivalent doctoral-level training, but who has met some of the educational requirements for licensure as a psychologist through completion of doctoral-level training in a related field of study, to satisfy the remaining educational requirements by completing a program of respecialization accredited by the American Psychological Association or a program deemed equivalent by the Board of Psychological Examiners. Existing regulations require an applicant for licensure as a psychologist who has completed a training program not accredited by the American Psychological Association to establish to the satisfaction of the Board of Psychological Examiners that the program is equivalent to a program accredited by the Association. (NAC 641.061) Section 4 of this regulation requires an applicant who completed study at an unaccredited program before January 1, 2018, to have his or her academic credentials evaluated by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards or the chair of a doctoral program that is accredited by the American Psychological Association. The Board is not bound by any recommendation resulting from the evaluation. Section 4 also requires an applicant to submit additional information to the Board if the title of a course taken by the applicant does not adequately describe its content. Section 3 of this regulation provides similar provisions for an applicant who completed study at an unaccredited program on or after January 1, 2018, but aligns the requirements to the newly adopted accreditation standards of the Association. Sections 6 and 10 of this regulation make conforming changes to account for the changes made in sections 3 and 4. Existing regulations require an applicant for licensure as a psychologist to complete 2 years of supervised and documented experience that is the equivalent of full-time experience. The first year of that experience must be completed in a predoctoral internship program that is approved by the American Psychological Association or meets certain other requirements. (NAC 641.080) Section 5 of this regulation provides that an internship that is not part of a program approved by the Association must be equivalent to a doctoral internship that meets the newly adopted standards of the Association. Existing law requires a psychologist, a licensed behavior analyst or a licensed assistant behavior analyst who wishes to renew his or her license to complete certain continuing education requirements set forth by the Board. (NRS 641.220) These continuing education requirements must include at least 2 hours of instruction on evidence-based suicide prevention and awareness. Section 7 of this regulation adds the requirement for such instruction to the list of hours of continuing education credit required of a psychologist, and section 8 of this regulation makes the same addition to the list of hours of continuing education credit required of a licensed behavior analyst or a licensed assistant behavior analyst. Section 9 of this regulation adds evidence-based suicide prevention and awareness to the list of subjects which are acceptable for a continuing education course or program. Existing regulations require the supervisor of a psychological assistant to be physically present at least one-half of the time during which the psychological assistant provides certain professional activities. (NAC 641.156) Section 11 of this regulation requires such a supervisor to have clinical responsibility for all cases in which the psychological assistant provides services, and requires that a mental health professional licensed or certified in this State be available on the premises at all times when a psychological assistant is providing services to a client. Existing regulations prohibit a supervisor from supervising more than three psychological assistants, more than two psychological interns or any combination of five or more psychological assistants and psychological interns. (NAC 641.158) Section 13 of this regulation revises those limits to authorize a supervisor to supervise a combination of not more than three psychological assistants and one psychological intern or a combination of not more than two psychological assistants and not more than two psychological interns.