

1 21 NCAC 54 .1602 is proposed for reoption with substantive changes as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 54 .1602        BOARD ADDRESS AND FORMS**

4 (a) The mailing address for the North Carolina Psychology Board is 895 State Farm Road, Suite ~~402~~ 101, Boone,

5 North Carolina 28607.

6 (b) The Board’s website address is [www.ncpsychologyboard.org](http://www.ncpsychologyboard.org).

7 (c) All forms required by the Rules may be found on the Board’s website.

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9 *History Note:     Authority G.S. 90-270.9;*

10 *Eff. September 1, 1982;*

11 *Amended Eff. October 1, 1995; March 1, 1989; August 1, 1984.*

12 *Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 3,*

13 *~~2017.~~ 2017;*

14 *Readopted April 1, 2020.*

21 NCAC 54 .1605 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:

**21 NCAC 54 .1605 FEES**

In addition to fees specified in G.S. 90, Article 18A, the following charges shall be ~~assessed for the indicated services:~~  
assessed:

- (1) Register of licensed psychologists - \$8.00; ~~eight dollars (\$8.00) - register of licensed psychologists;~~
- (2) Renewal of license - \$250.00; ~~two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) - renewal of license;~~
- (3) National written examination - \$50.00 plus the cost of the examination set by the ~~vendor~~ vendor;  
~~plus fifty dollars (\$50.00) - national written examination;~~
- (4) State examination - \$200.00; ~~two hundred dollars (\$200.00) - state examination;~~
- (5) Ethics renewal examination - \$150.00;
- ~~(5)~~ (6) costs for copies of public records as follows:
  - (a) "actual costs" as defined in G.S. 132-6.2(b) and provided on the Board's website;
  - (b) mailing costs if applicable; and
  - (c) 10 pages or less - no charge; ~~if 10 pages or less;~~
- ~~(6)~~ (7) Application fee - \$100.00; ~~one hundred dollars (\$100.00) - application fee;~~
- ~~(7)~~ (8) Reinstatement fee - \$100.00; ~~one hundred dollars (\$100.00) - reinstatement fee;~~
- ~~(8)~~ (9) Returned check - \$20.00; ~~twenty dollars (\$20.00) - returned check;~~
- ~~(9)~~ (10) ten dollars (\$10.00) - each written license verification, whether submitted individually or on a list;
- ~~(10)~~ (11) costs of disciplinary action as follows:
  - (a) three hundred dollars (\$300.00) - consent order; and
  - (b) three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per hour for a hearing ~~which~~ that results in disciplinary action, with a minimum charge of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for the first hour or portion thereof, and then prorated thereafter for each half-hour;
- ~~(11)~~ (12) fifty dollars (\$50.00) - registration fee for certificate of registration for professional corporation or professional limited liability company; and
- ~~(12)~~ (13) twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) - renewal fee for certification of registration for professional corporation or professional limited liability company.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 12-3.1(c); 55B-10; 55B-11; 90-270.9; 90-270.15(c); 90-270.18(b)(c); 132-6.2(b);  
Legislative Objection Lodged Eff. August 26, 1982;  
Eff. September 1, 1982;  
Curative Amended Eff. September 28, 1982;  
Temporary Amendment Eff. October 1, 1989 For a Period of 180 Days to Expire on April 1, 1990;  
Temporary Amendment Eff. October 1, 1990 For a Period of 180 Days to Expire on April 1, 1991;  
Amended Eff. January 1, 1991;*

1                    *Temporary Amendment Eff. September 1, 1993, for a period of 180 days or until the permanent rule*  
2                    *becomes effective, whichever is sooner.*  
3                    *Amended Eff. December 1, 2011; July 1, 1996; April 1, 1994; December 1, ~~1993~~ 1993;*  
4                    *Readopted April 1, 2020*

1 21 NCAC 54 .1610 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 54 .1610 PRACTICE BY ~~NONRESIDENT~~ PSYCHOLOGISTS WHO ARE NOT**  
4 **RESIDENTS OF NORTH CAROLINA**

5 (a) To practice psychology in North Carolina for up to five days in a calendar year, a ~~nonresident~~ psychologist who  
6 is not a resident of North Carolina shall submit the following information to the Board ~~at least five working business~~  
7 days prior to the psychologist engaging in the practice of psychology in North Carolina:

- 8 (1) a written statement from a jurisdiction ~~which~~ that is a member of the Association of State and  
9 Provincial Psychology Boards verifying that the psychologist's license is in good standing, that there  
10 is no pending disciplinary action against the license, and describing any supervision requirements  
11 under which the individual ~~shall practice~~ practices in that jurisdiction;  
12 (2) ~~notarized~~ a signed or digitally signed supervision statement ~~from non-resident psychologist~~ showing  
13 compliance with Paragraph (b) of this Rule; and  
14 (3) a written report from the ~~nonresident~~ psychologist who is not a resident of North Carolina describing  
15 his or her intended practice in North Carolina and, if applicable, the name of the North Carolina  
16 psychologist(s) with whom he or she will be associating.

17 (b) Supervision shall be provided at the same level as that which is required for the ~~nonresident psychologist's practice~~  
18 ~~of the psychologist who is not a resident of North Carolina~~ in the jurisdiction verifying licensure in Subparagraph  
19 (a)(1) of this Rule by a North Carolina permanently ~~Licensed Psychologist~~ licensed psychologist or ~~Licensed~~  
20 ~~Psychological Associate~~ licensed psychological associate who meets the requirements of 21 NCAC 54 .2001.

21 (c) The Board shall waive the five day notice period specified in Paragraph (a) of this Rule for ~~nonresident licensed~~  
22 ~~psychologists who~~ licensed psychologists or licensed psychological associates who are not residents of North Carolina  
23 and are placed in North Carolina by the American Red Cross due to a ~~national, area, or local~~ disaster.

24 (d) This Rule applies only to the practice of psychology when the psychologist or client/patient are physically located  
25 in North Carolina.

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27 *History Note: Authority G.S. 90-270.4(f); 90-270.9;*  
28 *Eff. September 1, ~~1996~~ 1996;*  
29 *Readopted April 1, 2020.*

1 21 NCAC 54 .1611 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 54 .1611 PRACTICE BY POSTDOCTORAL TRAINEES**

4 An individual pursuing postdoctoral training or experience in psychology shall be exempt from licensure pursuant to  
5 G.S. 90-270.4(d) if the following criteria are met:

6 (1) the postdoctoral training or experience in psychology meets all the criteria set forth in 21 NCAC 54  
7 .2009(i); and

8 (2) the individual has completed all doctoral degree requirements ~~for a program in psychology from an~~  
9 ~~institution of higher education as defined in G.S. 90-270.2(5).~~ of a program that was accredited by  
10 the American Psychological Association or Canadian Psychological Association at the time the  
11 individual graduated from the program. Evidence of completion of all degree requirements shall be  
12 in the form of either an official transcript showing the date on which the degree was ~~conferred;~~  
13 conferred or a letter from the registrar, dean of graduate school, or director of graduate studies  
14 verifying that all substantive and administrative requirements for the doctoral degree have been met  
15 without ~~exception,~~ exception and stating the date on which the doctoral degree will be awarded.

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17 *History Note: Authority G.S. 90-270.4(d); 90-270.9;*

18 *Eff. September 1, ~~2005~~ 2005;*

19 *Readopted April 1, 2020.*

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1 21 NCAC 54 .1612 is proposed for re adoption with substantive changes as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 54 .1612 CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK**

4 A licensee who is under investigation by the Board shall submit to the Board the following within 30 days of receipt  
5 of written communication from the Board or its agent that a criminal history record check is required:

- 6 (1) signed consent ~~form;~~ form, which may be found on the Board's website;
- 7 (2) completed Fingerprint Record ~~Card;~~ Card, which may be requested from the Board or a local  
8 sheffif's department;
- 9 (3) payment of fee required by the North Carolina Department of Justice to conduct a criminal history  
10 record check; and
- 11 (4) other such form(s) or information as required by the North Carolina Department of Justice to  
12 perform a criminal history record check.

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14 *History Note* Authority G.S. 90-270.9; 90-270.22(a);  
15 *Eff. March 1, ~~2008.~~ 2008;*  
16 *Readopted April 1, 2020.*

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1 21 NCAC 54 .1701 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 54 .1701 INFORMATION REQUIRED**

4 (a) Except as provided in Paragraph (b) of this Rule and Rule .1707 of this Section, the information required for each  
5 applicant for licensure shall consist of:

6 (1) a typed or legibly printed, ~~notarized~~ signed or digitally signed application form; form. The form  
7 shall include the following information:

8 (A) legal name;

9 (B) home mailing address and telephone number;

10 (C) business name, mailing address and telephone number;

11 (D) preferred mailing address;

12 (E) Social Security number;

13 (F) e-mail address;

14 (G) date and place of birth;

15 (H) licensure or applicant for licensure by another psychology board;

16 (I) if taken, the score on the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology;

17 (J) if previously applicant for a license to practice psychology in North Carolina;

18 (K) if denied a professional license or permit, or privilege of taking an examination, or had a  
19 professional license or permit ever disciplined by any licensing authority in North Carolina  
20 or elsewhere, or aware of any pending charges against a professional license or permit  
21 which are held;

22 (L) if ever withdrawn an application for licensure, or an application to take a professional  
23 licensing examination, in North Carolina or elsewhere;

24 (M) if ever been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to any felony or  
25 misdemeanor other than a minor traffic violation;

26 (N) other fields of work for which licensed or certified; or made application for licensure or  
27 certification;

28 (O) if hold a diploma from the American Board of Professional Psychology;

29 (P) whether doctoral program was APA accredited at the time of your graduation;

30 (Q) names of graduate programs attended and dates degrees awarded;

31 (R) names and mailing addresses of three professional references, other than supervisors;

32 (S) list all work experience to cover the complete time frame, and including, any graduate  
33 internship, practicum, or other supervised training experience that serves as the basis for  
34 current application for licensure;

35 (T) brief describe for applying for licensure in North Carolina;

36 (U) any disability which may require some special accommodation in taking licensing  
37 examinations;

38 (V) if applying for Health Services Provider Certification;

39 (W) if applying for senior psychologist as specified in Rule 1707 of this Chapter; and

- 1                    (X) employee misclassification certification.
- 2           (2) the application fee;
- 3           (3) a typed or legibly printed, ~~notarized~~ signed or digitally signed supervision contract form; form. The  
4 form shall include the following information:
- 5                    (A) supervisee's name, North Carolina psychology license number and level, mailing address,  
6 e-mail address and telephone number;
- 7                    (B) supervisee's current work setting;
- 8                    (C) if supervision contract form is for an applicant or replaces previous supervision contract  
9 form(s);
- 10                   (D) supervisor's name and psychology license number, business telephone number, business  
11 name and address;
- 12                   (E) if the supervisor or the supervisee have ever been denied a professional license or permit  
13 or had any disciplinary, remedial, rehabilitative, or other action taken against a professional  
14 license, certificate, or permit by any licensing or certification authority in North Carolina  
15 or elsewhere; if aware of any pending charges against a professional license, certificate, or  
16 permit;
- 17                   (F) number of hours per week engaged in the practice of psychology;
- 18                   (G) number of hours allotted for individual supervision per week;
- 19                   (H) number of individual supervision sessions per week; and
- 20                   (I) if supervision is not required.
- 21           (4) a signed consent form, which may be downloaded from the Board's website; a completed  
22 Fingerprint Record Card, which can be obtained from the Board office or a local Sheriff's office;  
23 and other such form(s) or information as required by the North Carolina Department of Justice to  
24 perform a criminal history record check;
- 25           (5) payment of fee required by the North Carolina Department of Justice to conduct a criminal history  
26 record check;
- 27           (6) an official transcript(s) sent ~~directly~~ to the Board by any institution of higher education from which  
28 the applicant received a graduate degree or otherwise completed graduate course work in  
29 psychology;
- 30           (7) the completed supervisor forms from present and past ~~supervisors;~~ supervisor. The form shall  
31 include the following information:
- 32                    (A) names of applicant and supervisor;
- 33                    (B) institution or setting where applicant was supervised;
- 34                    (C) supervisor's position at the time supervision occurred;
- 35                    (D) applicant's position or title;
- 36                    (E) dates of applicant's employment or training;
- 37                    (F) dates of supervision of applicant;
- 38                    (G) number of hours per week applicant practiced psychology under supervisor's direction



- 1 (H) number of weeks during which applicant practiced psychology under supervisor's  
2 direction;
- 3 (I) number of practice of psychology hours accumulated;
- 4 (J) number of health services hours accumulated;
- 5 (K) number of hours per week of individual face-to-face supervision;
- 6 (L) duties performed by applicant;
- 7 (M) if supervisor is licensed as a psychologist in North Carolina or in any other state or  
8 jurisdiction in the U.S. or Canada; and
- 9 (N) if the applicant is competent to practice psychology.
- 10 (8) three completed reference forms from professionals who are familiar with the applicant's current  
11 work, one of which is from a doctoral level ~~psychologist;~~ psychologist and the reference form shall  
12 include names of reference and applicant, time period reference has known applicant, nature of  
13 professional relationship, judgment regarding the applicant's training, experience, professional  
14 skills, adherence to legal and ethical standards and areas of concern, further comments, and  
15 recommendations to the Board;
- 16 (9) a written verification and report on the status of any occupational licensure, including dates of  
17 licensure and any disciplinary action ~~which that~~ is pending or has been taken, sent directly to the  
18 Board from any other regulatory agency in North Carolina and any other jurisdiction in which the  
19 applicant has applied for a license, is currently licensed, or previously was licensed, if applicable;
- 20 (10) an official report of any previous score obtained on the Examination for Professional Practice in  
21 Psychology sent directly to the Board from the Association of State and Provincial Psychology  
22 Boards, if applicable; and
- 23 (11) any additional documentation regarding educational credentials described in ~~21 NCAC 54 Rules~~  
24 .1802 and ~~21 NCAC 54.1803, .1803~~ of this Chapter, if ~~applicable~~ requested by the Board.
- 25 (b) The information required for each applicant applying for licensure on the basis of holding a current credential for  
26 psychology licensure mobility shall consist of:
- 27 (1) typed or legibly printed, ~~notarized~~ signed or digitally signed application form; form. The form shall  
28 include the following information:
- 29 (A) applicant's legal name;
- 30 (B) mailing address and telephone number;
- 31 (C) business name, mailing address and telephone number;
- 32 (D) Social Security number;
- 33 (E) e-mail address;
- 34 (F) date and place of birth;
- 35 (G) if ever been licensed or certified by a psychology regulatory board, or made application to  
36 such a board;
- 37 (H) if ever been denied a professional license or permit, or privilege of taking an examination,  
38 or had a professional license or permit ever disciplined in any way or if aware of any  
39 pending charges against a professional license or permit;

- 1 (I) if ever have withdrawn an application for licensure, or an application to take a professional
- 2 licensing examination;
- 3 (J) if ever have been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to any felony
- 4 or misdemeanor other than a minor traffic violation;
- 5 (K) other fields of work for which licensed or certified; or made application for licensure or
- 6 certification;
- 7 (L) if holds a CPQ issued by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards;
- 8 (M) if registrant in the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology;
- 9 (N) if holds a diploma from the American Board of Professional Psychology;
- 10 (O) names of graduate programs attended and dates degrees awarded;
- 11 (P) names and mailing addresses of three professional references, other than supervisors;
- 12 (Q) list all work experience to cover the complete time frame, and including, any graduate
- 13 internship, practicum, or other supervised training experience that serves as the basis for
- 14 current application for licensure;
- 15 (R) brief description for applying or reapplying for licensure in North Carolina;
- 16 (S) any disability which may require some special accommodation in taking licensing
- 17 examinations;
- 18 (T) if applying for Health Services Provider Certification; and
- 19 (U) employee misclassification certification.
- 20 (2) affidavit ~~which that~~ attests to having no unresolved complaint in any jurisdiction at the time of
- 21 application in North Carolina;
- 22 (3) application fee;
- 23 (4) typed or ~~legibly~~ printed, ~~notarized~~ signed or digitally signed supervision contract ~~form;~~ form as
- 24 described in Subparagraph (a)(3) of this Rule;
- 25 (5) signed consent form, which can be downloaded from the Board's website, completed Fingerprint
- 26 Record Card, which can be obtained from the Board office or a local Sheriff's office, and other such
- 27 form(s) or information as required by the North Carolina Department of Justice to perform a criminal
- 28 history record check;
- 29 (6) payment of fee required by the North Carolina Department of Justice to conduct a criminal history
- 30 record check;
- 31 (7) official transcript sent ~~directly~~ to the Board by the institution of higher education from which the
- 32 applicant received his or her doctoral degree in psychology; or if applicable, a copy of the transcript
- 33 sent directly to the Board by either the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards,
- 34 National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology, or American Board of Professional
- 35 Psychology;
- 36 (8) three completed reference ~~forms~~ forms, as describer in Subparagraph (a)(8) of this Rule, from
- 37 professionals who are familiar with the applicant's current work, one of which is from a doctoral
- 38 level psychologist;

1 (9) written verification and report on the status of any occupational licensure, including dates of  
2 licensure and any disciplinary action which is pending or has been taken, sent directly to the Board  
3 from any other regulatory agency in North Carolina and any other jurisdiction in which the applicant  
4 has applied for a license, is currently licensed, or previously was licensed;

5 (10) written verification sent directly to the Board from the applicable organization(s) that the applicant  
6 holds a current credential in good standing for psychology licensure mobility, as follows:

7 (A) Certificate of Professional Qualification (CPQ) from the Association of State and  
8 Provincial Psychology Boards;

9 (B) registrant in the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology; or

10 (C) diplomate of the American Board of Professional Psychology; and

11 (11) documentation of meeting requirements for health services provider certification as specified in  
12 Section .2700 of this Chapter, if applicable.

13 (c) An application shall contain all ~~required~~ materials required under Paragraph (a) or (b) of this Rule or as requested  
14 by the Board to be complete. The application forms may be found on the Board website. An incomplete application  
15 shall be active for three months from the date on which the application is received in the Board office. At the end of  
16 such time, if still incomplete, the application shall be void, and the applicant shall be deemed to have discontinued the  
17 application process. If the individual chooses to pursue licensure at a later date, the individual shall ~~totally~~ reapply.

18 (d) To be considered to have made application pursuant to G.S. 90-270.5(a), the information specified in  
19 Subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(5) of this Rule, or Subparagraphs (b)(1) through (b)(6) of this Rule if applying on  
20 the basis of a mobility credential, shall be filed in the Board office within 30 days of offering to practice or undertaking  
21 the practice of psychology in North Carolina.

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23 *History Note: Authority G.S. 90-270.4(h); 90-270.5(a); 90-270.9; ~~90-270.11(a),(b);~~ 90-270.11(a); 90-270.11(b);*  
24 *90-270.13(a)(b); 90-270.13(a); 90-270(a1)(6); 90-270.13(b); 90-270.15; 90-270.22(a);*  
25 *Eff. September 1, 1982;*  
26 *Amended Eff. March 1, 2008; September 1, 2005; January 1, 1996; November 1, 1991; March 1,*  
27 *1989; June 1, ~~1988.~~ 1988;*  
28 *Readopted April 1, 2020.*

1 21 NCAC 54 .1702 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 54 .1702 FOREIGN DEGREE APPLICATION POLICY**

4 (a) Applicants applying for licensure on the basis of a foreign degree shall provide documentation, in addition to the  
5 information required in 21 NCAC 54 ~~.1701, .1701~~ which that establishes the following:

- 6 (1) the existence of the ~~degree-granting~~ degree-granting institution;
- 7 (2) the ~~authenticity~~ validity of the degree, transcripts, and any supporting documents;
- 8 (3) the equivalence of the degree in terms of level of training, content of curriculum, and course credits;
- 9 and
- 10 (4) the equivalence of any supervised experience obtained ~~in the foreign country.~~ outside the United  
11 States.

12 Documentation shall be in the form of a course-by-course evaluation of credentials submitted directly to the Board  
13 from an evaluation service that is a member of the National Association of Credentials Evaluation Services, Inc. A  
14 listing of members can be found on the National Association of Credentials Evaluation Services, Inc. website,  
15 www.naces.org.

16 (b) Except as described in Paragraph (c) of this Rule, only official original documents shall be submitted in support  
17 of the application and shall be received directly from the institution(s) or individual(s) involved.

18 (c) When an official original document cannot be provided directly by the institution or individual involved, an  
19 original document possessed by the applicant ~~may~~ shall be reviewed and copied by a Board member or designee.

20 (d) Any document ~~which that~~ is in a language other than English shall be accompanied by a translation with ~~notarized~~  
21 a written verification of the translation's accuracy and completeness. that the translation into English is accurate and  
22 complete. This translation shall be completed by an individual, other than the applicant, who upon written request is  
23 approved by the ~~Board~~ Board, or a Board designee, and ~~demonstrates no conflict of interest.~~ who does not have a  
24 close personal relationship with the applicant. Such individuals include college or university language faculty, a  
25 translation service, or an American consul.

26 ~~(e) An applicant's references shall include individuals from member jurisdictions of the Association of State and~~  
27 ~~Provincial Psychology Boards, including a doctoral level psychologist familiar with the applicant's professional~~  
28 ~~practice of psychology.~~

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30 *History Note: Authority G.S. 90-270.9; 90-270.11(c);*  
31 *Legislative Objection Lodged Eff. August 26, 1982;*  
32 *Eff. September 1, 1982;*  
33 *Curative Amended Eff. September 28, 1982;*  
34 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2008; October 1, 1995; March 1, 1989; June 1, 1988; 1988;*  
35 *Readopted April 1, 2020.*  
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21 NCAC 54 .1703 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:

**21 NCAC 54 .1703            TEMPORARY LICENSES**

(a) To be issued a temporary license to practice psychology in North Carolina, a ~~nonresident~~ psychologist who is not a resident of North Carolina shall submit the following information to the Board at least 10 ~~working~~ business days prior to the psychologist engaging in the practice of psychology in North Carolina:

- (1) a typed, or legibly printed, ~~notarized~~ signed or digitally signed temporary license application form, including an affidavit that the standards under which the ~~nonresident~~ psychologist who is not a resident of North Carolina is licensed in another jurisdiction are substantially equivalent to or higher than the requirements of G.S. 90-270.1 et seq.;+seq., as determined by the Board;
- (2) For a 5 day temporary license, the temporary license application form shall include the following information: name of application; degree awarded; mailing address; telephone number; Social Security number; name of jurisdiction in which you licensed, including date of licensure, and license number; dates of intended practice in North Carolina, name of North Carolina psychologist(s) with whom you will be associating, if applicable; description of intended practice in North Carolina; and whether required to be supervised for practice in the jurisdiction in which applicant is licensed. An applicant for a 30 day temporary license shall also include the following information: whether ever disciplined by any licensing authority in North Carolina or elsewhere, or aware of any pending charges against a professional license or permit which is held; brief description for applying for temporary licensure in North Carolina; and if applicant wants to be considered for temporary health services provider certification.
- (3) a written statement from a ~~any~~ jurisdiction ~~which is a member of the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards~~ where the psychologist is licensed that the psychologist's license is in good standing, that there is no pending disciplinary action against the license, and describing any supervision requirements under which the individual ~~shall practice~~ practices in that jurisdiction;
- (4) ~~notarized~~ a signed or digitally signed statement showing compliance with supervision requirements specified in this Paragraph; Subparagraph (a)(2) of this Rule; and
- (5) the temporary license fee. fee set forth in G.S. 90-270.18(b)(8).

Only one 30-day temporary license shall be issued to an individual in any calendar year. Supervision shall be provided at the same level as that which is required for the ~~psychologist's~~ psychologist who is not a resident of North Carolina in the jurisdiction verifying licensure in Subparagraph ~~(a)(2)~~ (a)(3) of this Rule by a North Carolina permanently ~~Licensed Psychologist~~ licensed psychologist or ~~Licensed Psychological Associate~~ licensed psychological associate who meets the requirements of ~~21 NCAC 54 Rule .2001.~~ 2001 of this Chapter.

(b) ~~To be issued a temporary license to practice psychology in North Carolina, a psychologist requesting reinstatement of licensure shall submit~~ A psychologist requesting reinstatement of licensure may apply for a temporary license to practice psychology in North Carolina by submitting the information listed in 21 NCAC 54 .2103. A temporary license issued under this Paragraph is shall be valid until the applicant takes the first examination to which he or she is admitted by the Board, if applicable, and is notified of the results, and until the reinstatement fee set forth in Rule .1605(8) of this Chapter is paid. This license shall not be issued, reissued, or extended if the applicant fails the

1 examination, fails to appear for the examination, or fails to remit the required fees within the time period stipulated in  
2 ~~21 NCAC 54 Rule .2103. .2103 of this Chapter.~~ A temporary licensee shall comply with supervision requirements  
3 specified in ~~Section~~ Rule .2000 of this Chapter for the same level of licensure for which application for reinstatement  
4 is approved.

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6 *History Note:* Authority G.S. ~~90-270.5(f),(g);~~ 90-270.5(f); 90-270.5(g); 90-270.9;

7 *Eff. September 1, 1982;*

8 *Amended Eff. September 1, 1996; October 1, 1991; March 1, 1989; June 1, ~~1988.~~ 1988;*

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3 **21 NCAC 54 .1705 ISSUANCE OF LICENSE**

4 An applicant who has met all of the requirements for licensure as either a licensed psychologist or licensed  
5 psychological associate ~~is~~ shall be issued a certificate of licensure. This license shows the date, license number,  
6 licensee's ~~name and~~ name, academic degree upon which licensure is based, level of licensure, and the signatures of all  
7 current Board members. The official seal is affixed to ~~each~~ the certificate of licensure. ~~A~~ The licensee shall display  
8 the licensure certificate ~~in his or her principal place of employment or have the Board-issued wallet licensure card~~  
9 available for view upon request by the licensee's patients or clients, at any time when the licensee is practicing  
10 psychology.

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12 *History Note: Authority G.S. 90-270.9;*  
13 *Eff. September 1, 1982;*  
14 *Amended Eff. July 1, ~~1996~~. 1996;*  
15 *Readopted April 1, 2020.*

1 21 NCAC 54 .1706 is proposed for re adoption with substantive changes as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 54 .1706 REAPPLICATION**

4 To ~~reapply~~, reapply for licensure, an applicant must again submit all information listed in ~~21 NCAC 54~~ Rule .1701 of  
5 this Chapter Information Required and, if applicable, Rule .1702 Foreign Degree Application Policy of this Chapter.

6 A reapplication will be reviewed under the statutes and rules in effect on the date of reapplication.

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8 *History Note: Authority G.S. 90-270.9; 150B-11(1);*

9 *Eff. October 1, ~~1991~~. 1991;*

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1 21 NCAC 54 .1707 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 54 .1707 SENIOR PSYCHOLOGIST**

4 (a) A senior psychologist is someone who has achieved longevity in the practice of psychology as set forth in  
5 Subparagraphs (b)(1) and (d)(1) of this Rule and has demonstrated exemplary professional behavior over the course  
6 of ~~his/her~~ his or her career, career as defined in this Rule. as set forth in Subparagraphs (b)(2) and (d)(2) of this Rule.

7 (b) Except as provided in Paragraph (c) of this Rule, to be approved for licensure at the Licensed Psychologist level  
8 on the basis of senior psychologist status, an applicant shall hold a doctoral degree in psychology from an institution  
9 of higher education and shall meet all of the following requirements:

- 10 (1) is licensed and has been licensed for 12 continuous years at the doctoral level by one or more other  
11 state or provincial psychology boards which are members of the Association of State and Provincial  
12 Psychology Boards, during which time, and in which jurisdiction(s), ~~he/she~~ he or she has practiced  
13 psychology for a minimum of 10 years for at least ~~on at least a half time (i.e., 20 hours per week;~~  
14 ~~week) basis;~~  
15 (2) has had no disciplinary sanction during ~~his/her~~ his or her period of licensure in any jurisdiction;  
16 (3) has no unresolved disciplinary complaint with a licensing board in any jurisdiction at the time of  
17 application or during the pendency of application in North Carolina; and  
18 (4) passes the ~~North Carolina State State Examination.~~ examination.

19 (c) An applicant who received the doctoral degree prior to January 1, 1978, upon which his or her psychology licensure  
20 in another jurisdiction is based, shall hold a doctoral degree from an institution of higher education and meet all of the  
21 requirements specified in Subparagraphs (b)(1) through (b)(4) of this Rule.

22 (d) Except as provided in Paragraph (e) of this Rule, to be approved for licensure at the Licensed Psychological  
23 Associate level on the basis of senior psychologist status, an applicant shall hold a master's, specialist, or doctoral  
24 degree in psychology from an institution of higher education and shall meet all of the following requirements:

- 25 (1) is licensed and has been licensed for 12 continuous years at the master's level by one or more other  
26 state or provincial psychology boards which are members of the Association of State and Provincial  
27 Psychology Boards, during which time, and in which jurisdiction(s), ~~he/she~~ he or she has practiced  
28 psychology for a minimum of 10 years for at least ~~on at least a half time (i.e., 20 hours per week;~~  
29 ~~week) basis;~~  
30 (2) has had no disciplinary sanction during ~~his/her~~ his or her entire period of licensure in any  
31 jurisdiction;  
32 (3) has no unresolved disciplinary complaint with a licensing board in any jurisdiction at the time of  
33 application or during the pendency of application in North Carolina; and  
34 (4) passes the ~~North Carolina State State Examination.~~ examination.

35 (e) An applicant who received the degree prior to January 1, 1978, upon which his or her psychology licensure in  
36 another jurisdiction is based, shall hold a master's, specialist, or doctoral degree from an institution of higher education  
37 and meet all of the requirements specified in Subparagraphs (d)(1) through (d)(4) of this Rule.

1 (f) The information required for each applicant shall consist of:

- 2 (1) a typed or legibly printed ~~notarized~~ signed or digitally signed application form, form, as described  
3 in Rule .1701(a)(1) of this Chapter, including and an affidavit ~~which that~~ attests to meeting the  
4 requirements specified in Subparagraphs (b)(1) through (b)(3) or Subparagraphs (d)(1) through  
5 (d)(3) of this Rule, as applicable;
- 6 (2) a typed or legibly printed, notarized signed or digitally signed supervision contract form; form as  
7 described in Rule .17071(a)(3) of this Chapter;
- 8 (3) the application fee;
- 9 (4) a signed consent form, completed Fingerprint Record Card, and other such form(s) or information  
10 as required by the North Carolina Department of Justice to perform a criminal history record check;
- 11 (5) payment of fee required by the North Carolina Department of Justice to conduct a criminal history  
12 record check;
- 13 (6) an official college transcript(s) sent ~~directly~~ to the Board by any training institution(s) from which  
14 the applicant received a graduate degree;
- 15 (7) three completed reference ~~forms~~ forms, as described in Rule .1701(a)(8) of this Chapter, from  
16 professionals who are familiar with the applicant's current work, one of which is from a doctoral  
17 level psychologist; and
- 18 (8) a written verification and report on the status of any occupational licensure, including dates of  
19 licensure and any disciplinary action which is pending or has been taken, sent directly to the Board  
20 from any other regulatory agency in North Carolina and any other jurisdiction ~~in which~~ where the  
21 applicant has applied for a license, is currently licensed, or previously was licensed.

22 (g) An application shall contain all ~~required~~ materials required under Subparagraph (f) of this Rule or as requested  
23 by the Board to be complete. An incomplete application shall be active for three months from the date on which the  
24 application is received in the Board office. At the end of such time, if still incomplete, the application shall be void,  
25 and the applicant shall be deemed to have discontinued the application process. If the individual chooses to pursue  
26 licensure at a later date, the individual shall ~~totally~~ reapply.

27 (h) To be considered to have made application pursuant to G.S. 90-270.5(a), the information specified in  
28 Subparagraphs (f)(1) through (f)(5) of this Rule shall be filed in the Board office within 30 days of offering to practice  
29 or undertaking the practice of psychology in North Carolina.

30 *History Note:* Authority ~~G.S. 90-270.4(h);~~ 90-270.5(a); 90-270.9; ~~90-270.13(a),(e);~~ 90-270.13(a); 90-270.13(e);  
31 90-270.22(a);  
32 Eff. January 1, 1996;  
33 Amended Eff. March 1, 2008; August 1, 2006- 2006;  
34 *Readopted April 1, 2020.*

1 21 NCAC 54 .1802 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 54 .1802 PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATE**

4 (a) Licensure for the level of psychological associate ~~shall requires~~ require a master's degree or specialist degree in  
5 psychology from an institution of higher education. The degree program shall meet all of the following requirements:

- 6 (1) The program shall be identified and labeled as a psychology ~~program; program. such a~~ The program  
7 shall specify in institutional catalogues its intent to educate and train students to engage in the  
8 activities ~~which that~~ constitute the practice of psychology as defined in G.S. 90-270.2(8).
- 9 (2) The program shall maintain authority and primary responsibility for the core and specialty areas,  
10 ~~even if the program crosses administrative lines.~~
- 11 (3) The program shall have an identifiable body of students in residence at the physical campus of the  
12 institution who are matriculated in that program for a degree.
- 13 (4) There shall be an identifiable full-time psychology faculty in residence at the physical campus of  
14 the institution, sufficient in size and breadth to carry out its responsibilities, employed by and  
15 providing instruction at the ~~home campus of~~ physical campus of the institution.
- 16 (5) There shall be a psychologist responsible for the student's program, either as the administrative head  
17 of the program, or as the advisor, ~~major~~ professor, or committee chair for the individual student's  
18 program.
- 19 (6) The program shall be an integrated, organized sequence of study in psychology as demonstrated by  
20 ~~an identifiable~~ a curriculum track or tracks wherein course sequences and course content are  
21 described in institutional catalogues, departmental handbooks, or other institutional publications.
- 22 (7) The program shall encompass the equivalent of a minimum of one academic year of full-time  
23 graduate study in student residence at the institution from which the degree is granted. Residence  
24 requires in person interaction with psychology faculty and other matriculated psychology students  
25 at the physical campus of the institution. One year's residency is defined as 30 semester (45 quarter  
26 or 40 trimester) hours taken on a full-time or part-time basis in person at the physical campus of the  
27 ~~institution. institution over the course of one year.~~
- 28 (8) The program shall include ~~supervised training experience, as listed~~ on the transcript. For purposes  
29 of this Rule, "supervised trained experience" shall include an internship, externship, practicum, or  
30 other supervised field experience appropriate related to the area of specialty and the practice of  
31 psychology, as defined in G.S. 90-270.2(8); ~~which shall be referred to hereinafter as supervised~~  
32 ~~training experience.~~ This supervised training experience shall meet all of the following criteria:
- 33 (A) It shall be a planned and directed program of training for the practice of psychology, in  
34 contrast to on-the-job training, and shall provide the trainee with a planned and directed  
35 sequence of training that is integrated with the educational program in which the student is  
36 enrolled. This supervised training experience shall be planned by the educational program  
37 faculty and training site staff, rather than by the student.

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- 2 (B) The supervised training experience shall have a written description ~~detailing~~ of the program
- 3 of training, or a written agreement, developed prior to the time of the training, between the
- 4 student's educational program and the training site, detailing the responsibilities of the
- 5 student and the supervised training experience site. ~~Such an~~ The agreement shall be
- 6 approved by the student's educational program prior to the beginning of the supervised
- 7 training experience.
- 8 (C) The supervised training experience site shall have a designated ~~and appropriately~~-licensed
- 9 or certified psychologist or psychological associate responsible for the integrity and quality
- 10 of the supervised training experience.
- 11 (D) A student enrolled in a supervised training experience shall be designated as any of the
- 12 following: an "intern," "extern," or "practicum student," or shall hold a title ~~which that~~
- 13 ~~indicates~~ provides training status for the practice of psychology.
- 14 (E) The supervised training experience shall be a minimum of 12 weeks consisting of at least
- 15 500 hours of supervised training. At least 400 hours of the training shall be in the practice
- 16 ~~in~~ of psychology, ~~as defined by G.S. 90-270.2(8)~~. Supervision for this supervised training
- 17 experience shall be provided as required by Parts ~~(a)(8)(G)~~ or ~~(a)(8)(H)~~ of this
- 18 Subparagraph. Rule.
- 19 (F) The supervised training experience shall be completed within a period of 12 consecutive
- 20 months at not more than two training sites.
- 21 (G) Except as provided in Part ~~(a)(8)(H)~~ of this Subparagraph. Rule, ~~regularly scheduled~~
- 22 individual ~~face-to-face~~ in person supervision ~~with the specific intent of that overseeing~~
- 23 oversees the practice of psychology shall be provided by a North Carolina licensed ~~or~~
- 24 ~~certified~~ psychologist or psychological associate or by a psychologist who is exempt from
- 25 licensure, pursuant to G.S. 90-270.4(b), at a rate of not less than one hour per week during
- 26 at least 12 separate weeks of the supervised training experience. The supervisor shall
- 27 establish and maintain a level of supervisory contact consistent with professional standards
- 28 and shall be accessible to the student.
- 29 (H) If completing a supervised training experience outside of North Carolina, the student shall
- 30 be provided regularly scheduled individual ~~face-to-face~~ in person supervision ~~with the~~
- 31 ~~specific intent of that overseeing~~ oversees the practice of psychology by a licensed or
- 32 certified psychologist or psychological associate or by an individual holding a master's,
- 33 specialist, or doctoral degree in psychology, at a rate of not less than one hour per week
- 34 during at least 12 separate weeks of the supervised training experience. The supervisor
- 35 shall establish and maintain a level of supervisory contact consistent with professional
- 36 standards and shall be accessible to the student. Proof of the supervisor's license or degree
- 37 program, ~~as applicable, may~~ shall be required by the Board to establish the supervisor's
- 38 training in psychology.

1 (9) Except as provided in Paragraph (b) of this Rule, the program of study shall include a minimum of  
2 45 semester (68 quarter or 60 trimester) hours of graduate study in standard psychology courses,  
3 including courses drawn from academic psychology (e.g., social, experimental, physiological, and  
4 ~~developmental, developmental psychology, and history and systems of psychology~~), statistics and  
5 research design, scientific and professional ethics and standards, and a specialty area. Of the  
6 required 45 semester (68 quarter or 60 trimester) program hours, not more than 6 semester (9 quarter  
7 or 8 trimester) hours shall be credited for ~~internship/practicum~~ supervised training experience and  
8 not more than 6 semester (9 quarter or 8 trimester) hours shall be credited for thesis/dissertation.  
9 No credit shall be allowed for audited courses or courses taken at an institution which does not meet  
10 the definition of an "institution of higher education" as defined by G.S. 90-270.2(5).

11 (b) If an individual's degree program did not include a minimum of 45 semester (68 quarter or 60 trimester) hours of  
12 course content, as defined in Subparagraph (a)(9) of this Rule, but included a minimum of 39 semester (59 quarter or  
13 52 trimester) hours of graduate study in standard psychology courses, as specified in Subparagraph (a)(9) of this Rule,  
14 allowing not more than 6 semester (9 quarter or 8 trimester) hours for ~~practicum/internship~~ supervised training  
15 experience and 6 semester (9 quarter or 8 trimester) hours for thesis/dissertation, the individual shall be allowed to  
16 take, and must pass with a grade of "B" or above, additional graduate level course work to meet the hourly requirement  
17 ~~specified~~ in Subparagraph (a)(9) of this Rule. The individual shall complete specified course content, as defined by  
18 Subparagraph (a)(9) of this Rule, to meet the minimum educational requirements to apply for licensure. The  
19 ~~mentioned~~ course work shall be completed at an institution of higher education, as defined by G.S. 90-270.2(5),  
20 in a graduate psychology program in the same specialty area as the degree program completed by the individual and  
21 shall be reported on an official transcript. ~~The institution of higher education which permits a student to take additional~~  
22 ~~course work shall be construed as being responsible only for the specific course work taken at that institution and not~~  
23 ~~for the student's entire course of study, unless the student's entire program was completed at that institution.~~ No credit  
24 shall be accepted by the Board for audited courses. This additional graduate level course work shall not duplicate  
25 course work taken by the individual in his or her degree program or prior to admittance to his or her degree program  
26 and shall be completed in one or more of the following areas:

- 27 (1) academic psychology (e.g., social, experimental, physiological, and/or developmental,  
28 developmental psychology, and history and systems of psychology);
- 29 (2) statistics and research design;
- 30 (3) scientific and professional ethics and standards; or
- 31 (4) electives offered in the course of study for the individual's specialty area (e.g., clinical psychology,  
32 counseling psychology, school psychology, or other specialty area in psychology).

33 (c) If an individual's degree program did not include a minimum of 39 semester (59 quarter or 52 trimester) hours in  
34 standard psychology courses, as specified in Subparagraph (a)(9) of this Rule, allowing not more than 6 semester (9  
35 quarter or 8 trimester) hours for ~~practicum/internship~~ supervised training experience and not more than 6 semester (9  
36 quarter or 8 trimester) hours for thesis/dissertation, the individual shall not be allowed to obtain additional hours at a  
37 post-graduate level to meet the hourly requirements in Subparagraph (a)(9) of this Rule.

1 (d) An individual shall not, under any circumstance following the completion of the individual's master's or specialist  
2 degree in psychology, be allowed to complete a practicum, internship, or other supervised training experience  
3 requiring the individual to practice psychology in order to meet the minimum educational requirement.

4 (e) An applicant whose credentials have been approved by the Board for examination at the licensed psychologist  
5 level may be issued a license as a psychological associate if the applicant fails an examination at the licensed  
6 psychologist level but passes such at the psychological associate level. To receive this license, the applicant shall  
7 make a written request to the Board for licensure at the psychological associate level within 30 days from the date ~~on~~  
8 ~~which~~ when the applicant is notified of his or her examination score.

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10 *History Note: Authority G.S. 90-270.9; 90-270.11(b);*

11 *Eff. September 1, 1982;*

12 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2006; July 1, 1997; October 1, 1991; August 1, ~~1984~~. 1984;*

13 *Readopted April 1, 2020.*

1 21 NCAC 54 .1803 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 54 .1803 LICENSED PSYCHOLOGIST**

4 (a) Licensure for the level of licensed psychologist requires a doctoral degree based on a planned and directed program  
5 of studies in psychology from an institution of higher education. The applicant's doctoral program, hereinafter referred  
6 to as "program," shall ~~be one which was~~ have been accredited by the American Psychological Association or the  
7 Canadian Psychological Association at the time of the individual's graduation from the program, or one which meets  
8 all of the following requirements:

- 9 (1) The program shall be publicly identified and clearly labeled as a psychology program; such a  
10 program shall specify in ~~pertinent~~ institutional catalogues its intent-purpose to educate and train  
11 psychologists to engage in the activities ~~which~~ that constitute the practice of psychology as defined  
12 in G.S. 90-270.2(8).
- 13 (2) The program shall maintain authority and primary responsibility for the core and specialty ~~areas~~  
14 areas. ~~whether or not the program crosses administrative lines.~~
- 15 (3) The program shall have an identifiable body of students in residence at the physical campus of the  
16 institution who are matriculated in that program for a degree.
- 17 (4) There shall be an identifiable full-time psychology faculty in residence at the physical campus of  
18 the institution, sufficient in size and breadth to carry out its responsibilities, employed by and  
19 providing instruction at the ~~home~~physical campus of the institution.
- 20 (5) There shall be a psychologist responsible for the applicant's program either as the administrative  
21 head of the program, or as the advisor, ~~major~~ professor, or committee chair for the individual  
22 applicant's program.
- 23 (6) The program shall be an integrated, organized sequence of study in psychology as demonstrated by  
24 an ~~identifiable~~ curriculum track or tracks wherein course sequences are outlined.
- 25 (7) The program shall encompass the equivalent of a minimum of three academic years of full-time  
26 graduate study, two years of which are at the institution from which the degree is granted, and one  
27 year of which is in residence at the institution from which the degree is granted. Residence requires  
28 in person interaction with psychology faculty and other matriculated psychology students. One  
29 year's residence is defined as 30 semester (45 quarter or 40 trimester) hours taken on a full-time or  
30 part-time basis in person at the physical campus of the institution. ~~institution over the course of one~~  
31 year.
- 32 (8) The program shall include practicum, internship, field experiences, or laboratory training  
33 appropriate to the area of specialty and the practice of ~~psychology.~~ psychology; ~~this~~ This experience  
34 shall be supervised by a licensed psychologist.
- 35 (9) Except as provided in Paragraph (b) of this Rule, the program of study shall include a minimum of  
36 60 semester (90 quarter or 80 trimester) hours of graduate study in standard psychology courses,  
37 exclusive of credits for internship/practicum and thesis/dissertation, including instruction in  
38 scientific and professional ethics and standards, research design and methodology, statistics and  
39 psychometrics, and the specialty area. No credit shall be allowed for audited courses or courses

1 taken at an institution which does not meet the definition of an "institution of higher education" as  
2 defined by G.S. 90-270.2(5).

3 (10) The program shall include coursework demonstrated competency in the four substantive content  
4 areas identified in this Subparagraph; this shall be met through a minimum of three semester (five  
5 quarter or four trimester) hours in each of these content areas:

6 (A) biological bases of behavior, such as, ~~(e.g.,~~ physiological psychology, comparative  
7 psychology, neuropsychology, sensation and perception, psychopharmacology; ~~);~~

8 (B) cognitive-affective bases of behavior, such as, ~~(e.g.,~~ cognition, memory, learning, thinking,  
9 motivation, emotion; ~~);~~

10 (C) social bases of behavior, such as, ~~(e.g.,~~ social psychology, group processes, organizational  
11 and systems theory, cultural and ethnic bases, sex roles; ~~);~~ and

12 (D) individual differences, such as, ~~(e.g.,~~ personality theory, human development, abnormal  
13 psychology, individual differences; ~~);~~

14 (b) If an individual's degree program did not include a minimum of 60 semester (90 quarter or 80 trimester) hours in  
15 standard psychology courses, as specified in Subparagraphs (a)(9) and (a)(10) of this Rule, but included a minimum  
16 of 54 semester (81 quarter or 72 trimester) hours of graduate study in standard psychology courses, as specified in  
17 Subparagraphs (a)(9) and (a)(10) of this Rule, exclusive of credits for internship/practicum and thesis/dissertation, the  
18 individual shall be allowed to take, and must pass with a grade of "B" or above, additional graduate level course work  
19 to meet the hourly requirement specified in Subparagraphs (a)(9) and (a)(10) of this Rule. The individual shall  
20 complete specified course content, as defined by Subparagraphs (a)(9) and (a)(10) of this Rule, to meet the minimum  
21 educational requirements to apply for licensure. ~~The aforementioned~~ course work shall be completed at an institution  
22 of higher education, ~~as defined by G.S. 90-270.2(5)~~, in a graduate psychology program in the same specialty area as  
23 the degree program completed by the individual and shall be reported on an official transcript. Alternately, the  
24 ~~aforementioned~~ course work may be completed in a formal re-specialization program in psychology, which shall be  
25 reported on an official transcript. A formal re-specialization program in psychology means a program in which  
26 individuals already holding a doctoral degree in psychology complete additional education and training in order to  
27 change their specialist area of study. Re-specialization programs involve coursework in a health service psychology  
28 field, including clinical, counseling, school or combinations of these areas. Respecialization programs also include  
29 education in profession-wide competencies, such as, ethics, assessment, intervention; experiential education such as  
30 practicum; and a one-year internship. The individual shall provide a certificate of completion of a respecialization  
31 program, issued by the program. The institution of higher education which permits a student to take additional course  
32 work shall be construed as being responsible only for the specific course work taken at that institution and not for the  
33 student's entire course of study, unless the student's entire graduate program was completed at that institution.—No  
34 credit shall be accepted by the Board for audited courses. This additional graduate level course work shall not  
35 duplicate course work taken by the individual in his or her degree program or prior to admittance to his or her degree  
36 program.

37 (c) If an individual's degree program did not include a minimum of 54 semester (81 quarter or 72 trimester) hours of  
38 graduate study in standard psychology courses, as specified in Subparagraphs (a)(9) and (a)(10) of this Rule, exclusive



1 of credits for internship/practicum and thesis/dissertation, the individual shall not be allowed to obtain additional hours  
2 at a post-graduate level to meet the hourly requirements in Subparagraphs (a)(9) and (a)(10).

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4 *History Note: Authority G.S. 90-270.9; 90-270.11(a);*

5 *Eff. June 1, 1988;*

6 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2009; July 1, 1997; October 1, 1991; March 1, ~~1989~~; 1989;*

7 *Readopted April 1, 2020.*

1 21 NCAC 54 .1901 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 54 .1901            TYPES EXAMINATIONS**

4 (a) Qualifying Examinations. ~~National, and state,~~ National, State, and ethics renewal examinations shall be  
5 administered. ~~The examinations shall be taken only for licensure purposes.~~ The applicant shall comply with deadlines  
6 and procedures established by the Board, the examination ~~contractor~~ contractor, and the testing vendor. ~~vendor when~~  
7 ~~approved to take a computer administered examination.~~

8        (1) National Examination. The national examination is the Examination for Professional Practice in  
9 Psychology (EPPP) ~~which that~~ is developed by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology  
10 Boards (ASPPB). The EPPP assesses the applicant's knowledge of the subject matter of psychology  
11 ~~and his or her understanding of professional and ethical problems in the practice of psychology.~~  
12 The passing point for licensed psychologist shall be a scaled score of 500, and the passing point for  
13 licensed psychological associate shall be a scaled score of ~~440~~ 440, unless a licensed psychological  
14 associate applies to practice under .2008(h)(3). Then in order to be approved under .2008(h)(3), he  
15 or she must meet the passing point of a scaled score of 500. If a licensed psychological associate  
16 does not meet the passing point of a scaled score of 500, he or she must have been practicing for 5  
17 years, as set forth in .2008(h)(2) in order to apply to practice under .2008(h)(3). This examination  
18 shall not be required for an applicant who has previously taken the EPPP and whose score met the  
19 North Carolina passing point which was established for that particular administration date of the  
20 ~~examination~~ examination, unless the Board determines pursuant to G.S. 90-270.15 that an individual  
21 shall be required to take and pass a current form of the EPPP. ~~Further, this examination~~ The EPPP  
22 shall not be required for an applicant who documents meeting requirements for licensure specified  
23 in Rule .1707 of this Chapter.

24        (2) State Examination. The Board-developed State ~~state~~ examination shall assess ~~assesses~~ the  
25 applicant's knowledge of the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act, ~~selected~~ rules of the Board  
26 Board, covering such topics as education and supervision, and other ethical and legal requirements.  
27 ~~The passing point for all licensees shall be set at 78% of the total scored items on the~~  
28 ~~examination.~~ This is an educational examination that shall be completed for licensure.

29        (3) Ethics Renewal Examination. The Board-developed ethics renewal examination shall be taken  
30 every two years in order to renew a license and completion of this examination shall count for three  
31 Category A continuing education credits in ethics. This is an educational examination that shall be  
32 completed for license renewal.

33 ~~(b) Oral Examination.~~ Upon proof that an applicant or licensee has engaged in any of the prohibited actions specified  
34 ~~in G.S. 90-270.15(a), the Board may administer a state oral examination which assesses knowledge of the North~~  
35 ~~Carolina Psychology Practice Act, selected rules of the Board covering such topics as education and supervision, and~~  
36 ~~other legal requirements.~~

37 ~~(c)~~ (b) Special Administrations. Applicants with disabilities as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act of  
38 1990 (ADA), which is hereby incorporated by reference, including subsequent amendments and editions, available at  
39 no cost at [www.ada.gov](http://www.ada.gov), and documented by a licensed medical professional shall be administered the EPPP and State

1 examination under conditions that shall minimize the effect of the disabilities on their performance. Special test  
2 administrations shall be as comparable as possible to a standard administration and shall be granted upon request of  
3 the applicant and Board approval. Candidates with documented impairments or disabilities which meet compliance  
4 requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) shall be administered the EPPP and State  
5 Examination under conditions that shall minimize the effect of the impairments or disabilities on their performance.  
6 In general, those lifestyle accommodations which an individual uses to compensate for impairments or disabilities,  
7 and which have become accepted practice for the individual in his or her graduate program or since the onset of the  
8 applicant's impairment or disability, shall be considered as the most appropriate accommodation for testing. Special  
9 test administrations shall be as comparable as possible to a standard administration.

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11 *History Note: Authority G.S. 90-270.9; 90-270.11; 90-270.15(b); 90-270.14(a)(2)*

12 *Eff. September 1, 1982;*

13 *Amended Eff. September 1, 2005; April 1, 2001; October 1, 1996; March 1, 1989; January 1, 1986;*

14 *July 1, 1985; August 1, ~~1984~~ 1984;*

15 *Readopted April 1, 2020.*

1 21 NCAC 54 .1903 is proposed for reoption with substantive changes as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 54 .1903            RETAKING THE NATIONAL EXAMINATION**

4 An applicant may take the national examination no more than 4 times in a 12-month period and no more frequently  
5 than every 60 days upon payment of the required fee. The 12-month period begins on the date of the letter ~~which~~  
6 ~~notifies~~ notifying the applicant that his or her credentials have been approved for national examination by the Board.  
7 After failing the national examination for the fourth time or after the passage of 12 months, whichever occurs first, an  
8 applicant must ~~totally~~ reapply for licensure. Except as exempt under G.S. 90-270.4, after failing the examination for  
9 the second time, an applicant shall not practice or offer to practice psychology without first becoming licensed.

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11 *History Note:*     *Authority G.S. 90-250.5(b); 90-270.9;*

12                     *Eff. September 1, 1982;*

13                     *Amended Eff. April 1, 2001; October 1, 1991; March 1, 1989; July 1, ~~1985-1985~~;*

14                     *Readopted April 1, 2020.*

1 21 NCAC 54 .1904 is proposed for re adoption with substantive changes as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 54 .1904            FAILURE TO APPEAR FOR THE NATIONAL EXAMINATION**

4 If an applicant does not appear for ~~an~~ the national examination within four months after being approved for  
5 examination by the Board, he or she shall be deemed to have failed the examination. The four-month period begins  
6 on the date of the letter sent by the Board ~~which notifies~~ notifying the applicant that his or her credentials have been  
7 approved for national examination by the Board. The applicant shall be permitted to take the examination within the  
8 next consecutive four months without reapplying for licensure. If the applicant does not appear for an examination  
9 within the second four-month period, he or she shall be deemed to have failed the examination a second time and must  
10 reapply for licensure. Except as exempt under G.S. 90-270.4, after failing to appear for the examination for the second  
11 time, an applicant shall not practice or offer to practice psychology without first becoming licensed by the Board.

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13 *History Note:*     *Authority G.S. 90-270.5(b); 90-270.9;*

14                     *Eff. September 1, 1982;*

15                     *Amended Eff. April 1, 2001; May 1, 1996; October 1, 1991; March 1, 1989; July 1, ~~1985.~~ 1985.*

16                     *Readopted April 1, 2020.*

1 21 NCAC 54 .2001 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 54 .2001 SUPERVISOR**

4 (a) Except as provided in Paragraph (b) of this Rule, the following individuals shall be recognized as ~~appropriate~~  
5 ~~contract~~ qualified supervisors for individuals requiring supervision to practice psychology:

- 6 (1) ~~a licensed psychologist, permanent;~~ a licensed psychologist who has been issued a permanent  
7 license by the Board;  
8 (2) any person who was in a psychology position with the State of North Carolina on December 31,  
9 1979, and who is still so employed, provided that such supervision is, and was on December 31,  
10 1979, within the psychologist's regular job description and is only for activities which are part of  
11 the regular duties and responsibilities of the supervisee within his or her regular position at a State  
12 agency or department;  
13 (3) a doctoral level licensed psychologist who is licensed in the jurisdiction where the supervisee is  
14 practicing psychology; or  
15 (4) a licensed psychological associate ~~as provided for in Rule .2005 in this Section.~~ who is approved to  
16 practice under Rule .2008(h)(3) and is certified as a health services provider psychological associate (HSP-  
17 PA) under Rule .2706.

18 (b) The Board may disapprove an otherwise qualified supervisor for the following reasons:

- 19 (1) ~~evidence~~ documentation that the supervisor is not competent or qualified to supervise the supervisee;  
20 (2) ~~evidence~~ documentation the supervisor has failed to adhere to legal or ethical standards;  
21 (3) ~~evidence~~ documentation that there is a lack of congruence between the supervisor's training,  
22 experience, and area of practice and the supervisee's proposed area(s) of practice; ~~or~~  
23 (4) ~~evidence~~ documentation that the supervisor has a license against which disciplinary or remedial  
24 action has been ~~taken~~ taken by the Board or any other occupational licensing Board; or  
25 (5) documentation that the supervisor has not completed the training described, and within the time  
26 frame set forth, in Paragraph (c) of this Rule.

27 (c) A licensee who engages in the supervision of an applicant for licensure, a licensed psychological associate, or a  
28 provisionally licensed psychologist in North Carolina must complete a three-hour training session, the content of  
29 which shall be determined and approved by the Board, which meets the following requirements:

- 30 (1) is sponsored or co-sponsored by an entity designated by the Board;  
31 (2) is presented by an individual or individuals designated by the Board; and  
32 (3) addresses how to legally and ethically supervise in accordance with Board rules regarding  
33 supervision requirements.

34 If the training session is taken on-line, there shall be an examination at the completion of the session, and the licensee  
35 must pass and provide documentation to the Board that he or she has passed such examination. The sponsor or co-  
36 sponsor of a training session shall submit a list of attendees who complete the three-hour training session to the Board  
37 no later than 30 days following the training session. The training shall be completed, and documentation of completion  
38 received in the Board's office, no later than September 1, 2022. If the training is not completed by September 1, 2022,  
39 a licensee shall not enter into a supervision contract with an applicant, a licensed psychological associate, or a licensed

1 psychologist-provisional until he or she completes the training and the Board receives documentation of such. A  
2 licensee who completes the training and passes the examination shall be permitted to count the three hours toward  
3 the minimum continuing education hours required in Rule .2104 of this Chapter for the renewal period it was when  
4 completed.

5 (d) The training described in Paragraph (c) of this Rule is required to be completed only one time, except when the  
6 Board requires that a licensee repeat it based on evidence that the licensee is failing to competently supervise or adhere  
7 to supervision requirements.

8 ~~(e)~~ (e) Each supervisor shall:

9 (1) ~~carefully~~ assess his or her ~~own~~ ability to meet the supervisory needs of supervisees and potential  
10 supervisees;

11 (2) offer and provide supervision only within the supervisor's ~~own~~ area(s) of competence and assure  
12 ~~that~~ the professional expertise and experience of the supervisor shall be ~~congruent~~ consistent with  
13 the practice of the supervisee;

14 (3) enter into a written agreement with the supervisee on a Board adopted supervision contract ~~form~~  
15 form, which details sets forth the supervisee's obligations as well as the supervisor's responsibilities  
16 to the supervisee;

17 (4) direct the supervisee to practice psychology only within areas for which ~~he or she~~ the supervisee  
18 ~~shall be~~ is qualified by education, training, or supervised experience;

19 (5) establish and maintain a level of supervisory contact consistent with ~~established professional~~  
20 ~~standards~~ that described in the supervision contract form on file with the Board and be accessible to  
21 the supervisee;

22 (6) direct the supervisee to keep the supervisor informed of services performed by the supervisee;

23 (7) advise the Board if the supervisor has reason to believe that the supervisee is practicing in a manner  
24 ~~which that~~ indicates that ethical or legal violations have been committed;

25 (8) maintain a clear and accurate record of supervision with a supervisee ~~which that~~ documents the  
26 following:

27 (A) dates and appointment times of each supervision session, including the length of time of  
28 each session;

29 (B) summary content of each session including treatment or assessment issues addressed,  
30 concerns identified by the supervisor and supervisee, recommendations of the supervisor,  
31 and intended outcome for recommendations of the supervisor; and

32 (C) fees charged, if any, to the supervisee for supervision;

33 (9) except when prevented from doing so by circumstances beyond the supervisor's control, retain  
34 securely and confidentially the records reflecting supervision with a supervisee for at least seven  
35 years from the date of the last session of supervision with a supervisee. If there are pending legal  
36 or ethical matters or if there is any other compelling circumstance, the supervisor shall retain the  
37 complete record of supervision securely and confidentially for a period of seven years from the final  
38 resolution of such legal or ethical matter;

1           ~~(9)~~ (10) report on the ~~required~~ supervision report form to the Board that agreed upon supervision has  
2   occurred; and

3           ~~(10)~~ (11) file a final supervision report within two weeks of termination of supervision.

4   ~~(d)~~ (f) To maintain the professional nature of the supervision, a familial or strongly personal relationship shall not  
5   exist between the supervisor and supervisee, except in extraordinary circumstances, such as the lack of availability of  
6   any other qualified supervisor. In such cases, the Board shall require documentation from the supervisor or supervisee  
7   that no other supervision is available and three reference letters from ~~colleagues commenting on the appropriateness~~  
8   ~~of the proposed supervisory relationship.~~ other mental health professionals.

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10   *History Note:*    *Authority G.S. 90-270.5; 90-270.9;*

11                                   *Eff. September 1, 1982;*

12                                   *Amended Eff. July 1, 1997; October 1, 1991; March 1, ~~1989.~~ 1989;*

13                                   *Readopted April 1, 2020.*



21 NCAC 54 .2002 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:

**21 NCAC 54 .2002 NATURE OF SUPERVISION**

(a) The nature of ~~mandated~~ supervision shall depend on the ~~specific~~ areas of practice, experience, and training ~~germane~~ related to the area of specialty of the supervisee. ~~This supervision shall be the process to assure that an appropriate professional standard is being applied to the solution of a client's problem, and that the laws that govern the practice of psychology and the ethics that guide that practice are understood and followed.~~ The purpose of such Board ~~mandated~~ required supervision shall not be exclusively for introductory training of the supervisee in additional skills, methods, or interventions, ~~but may and include~~ include enhancement and refinement of previously learned skills. Supervision shall include consideration of the following areas:

- (1) ethical, legal, and professional standards;
- (2) technical skills and competency;
- (3) supervisee's utilization of supervision; and
- (4) supervisee's ability to function independently or with reduced ~~supervision.~~ supervision, as set forth in Rule .2008 of this Section.

(b) Each supervisee shall:

- (1) attend scheduled supervision sessions;
- (2) provide the supervisor with a disclosure of psychological services being offered or rendered by the supervisee;
- (3) cooperate with the supervisor to assure that all conditions in ~~Paragraph (e) of Rule .2001(c)~~ Paragraph (c) of Rule .2001(c) of this Section are met;
- (4) provide the supervisor with information necessary for the supervisor to advise the supervisee on cases giving rise to professional, ethical, and legal concerns;
- (5) notify the Board if he or she has reason to believe that the supervisor has behaved in a manner which ~~shall indicate~~ indicates that the supervisor has committed an ethical or legal violation; and
- (6) file a revised supervision contract form within 30 days of a change in the conditions specified in the supervision contract form on file with the ~~Board.~~ Board, as set forth in Rule .2008 of this Section.

(c) The supervisee and supervisor shall determine jointly the nature and extent of notification to clients or patients of the supervisory process (~~e.g., such as~~ such as clinical information may be discussed with the supervisor or the means by which the supervisor may be contacted, contacted) and which cases, issues, and techniques are ~~appropriate and~~ necessary for supervision. ~~Specific supervision shall not be mandated by the Board for each person evaluated or treated, or for every treatment, evaluative technique, or professional activity undertaken.~~ Supervisors shall not be required to sign or co-sign reports, treatment plans, letters, or other clinical documents for which the supervisee shall be responsible, responsible; ~~neither shall it be necessary that such clinical~~ Clinical documents are not required to reflect the supervisory process. ~~Agencies shall not be precluded from requiring supervisor signatures or co-signatures.~~

*History Note: Authority G.S. 90-270.5; 90-270.9;  
Eff. September 1, 1982;  
Amended Eff. July 1, 1997; October 1, 1991; March 1, 1989-1989;*

Readopted April 1, 2020.

21 NCAC 54 .2006 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:

**21 NCAC 54 .2006            PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATE ACTIVITIES**

(a) The assessment of overall personality functioning by a psychological associate requires ~~supervision.~~  
supervision, if practicing under Level 1 or Level 2 supervision, as set forth in Rules .2008(h)(1) or .2008 (h)(2). The assessment of personality functioning involves any assessment or evaluative technique which leads to conclusions, inferences, and hypotheses regarding personality functioning. This includes:

- (1) all statements regarding personality attributes, features, traits, structure, dynamics, and pathology or assets;
- (2) the use of personality assessment techniques which include, but are not limited to, observation, interviewing ~~and, and~~ and mental status examinations; ~~examinations word association tests, diagnostic play therapy, and autobiographical techniques;~~ and
- (3) ~~the use of standardized personality techniques or tests. Examples of techniques or tests include, but are not limited to, the following: Rorschach, Thematic Apperception Test, sentence completion tests, the House Tree Person, Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory, the California Personality Inventory, The Millon tests, the 16PF, and all other self report inventories and questionnaires, as well as scales and check lists completed by others. The tests identified in this Rule as requiring supervision do not constitute an exhaustive list, only the most commonly utilized measures.~~ the use of current assessment techniques that have adequate evidence of reliability and validity.

Not requiring supervision are screening techniques which lead to simple descriptors of persons which may be completed by a variety of professional and non-professional observers and are interpreted by other parties.

(b) The conduct administration of neuropsychological evaluations by psychological associates requires ~~supervision.~~  
supervision, if practicing under Level 1 or Level 2 supervision, as set forth in .2008(h)(1) or .2008(h)(2). Not requiring supervision are neuropsychological screenings which lead to simple behavioral descriptions rather than clinical interpretations, or the administration of rating devices which may be completed by a variety of professional and non-professional observers and are subsequently interpreted by other parties.

(c) Psychotherapy, counseling, and any other interventions with a clinical population for the purpose of preventing or eliminating symptomatic, maladaptive, or undesired behavior provided by a psychological associate require ~~supervision.~~ supervision, if practicing under Level 1 or Level 2 supervision, as set forth in .2008(h)(1) or .2008(h)(2). Clinical populations include persons with discernible mental, behavioral, emotional, psychological, or psychiatric disorders as evidenced by an established ~~Axis I or Axis II diagnosis or V Code condition~~ diagnostic classification system in the then current ~~DSM~~ Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders or International Classification of Diseases and all persons meeting the criteria for such diagnoses. Interventions other than psychotherapy and counseling that are encompassed by this definition include, but are not limited to, psychological assessment, psychoanalysis, behavior analysis/therapy, biofeedback, and hypnosis. Supervision is required if practicing under Level 1 or Level 2 supervision, as set forth in .2008(h)(1) or .2008(h)(2), when the psychological associate is providing an intervention to persons within a clinical population, directly with the person(s) or in consultation with a third party, for the purpose of preventing or eliminating symptomatic, maladaptive, or undesired

1 behavior. Supervision is required if practicing under Level 1 or Level 2 supervision, as set forth in .2008(h)(1) or  
2 .2008(h)(2), for the design or clinical oversight of interventions for persons within a clinical population, such as  
3 biofeedback techniques and behavior intervention programs; however, supervision is not required for the actual  
4 implementation of such interventions that were designed for others to implement, which may or may not constitute  
5 ancillary services.

6 (d) The use, including authorization, of intrusive, punitive, or experimental procedures, techniques, or measures by a  
7 psychological associate requires ~~supervision.~~ supervision, if practicing under Level 1 or Level 2 supervision, as set  
8 forth in .2008(h)(1) or .2008 (h)(2). These procedures, techniques, or measures include, but are not limited to,  
9 seclusion, physical restraint, the use of protective devices for behavioral control, isolation time-out, and any utilization  
10 of punishment techniques involving aversive stimulation. Also included in this definition are any other techniques  
11 which are physically intrusive, are restrictive of human rights or freedom of movement, place the client at risk for  
12 injury, or are experimental in nature (i.e., in which the efficacy and degree of risk have not previously been clinically  
13 established).

14 ~~(e) Supervision is required for a psychological associate who provides clinical supervision to other service providers~~  
15 ~~who are engaged in activities which would require supervision if directly provided by the psychological associate.~~

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17 *History Note:* Authority G.S. 90-270.5(e); 90-270.9;  
18 *Eff. October 1, 1991;*  
19 *Amended Eff. October 1, 2006- 2006;*  
20 *Readopted April 1, 2020.*

1 21 NCAC 54 .2007 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 54 .2007 APPLICANTS AND OTHER NONLICENSED INDIVIDUALS**

4 (a) Except as provided for in this Rule, in 21 NCAC 54 .1610, and in 21 NCAC 54 .1703, applicants and individuals  
5 who have yet to apply shall not practice or offer to practice psychology without supervision. With the exception of  
6 those activities which are exempt from licensure as stipulated in G.S. 90-270.4, all activities comprising the practice  
7 of psychology shall be subject to review by a supervisor. A minimum of one hour per week of face-to-face individual  
8 supervision shall be required in any week in which an applicant or nonlicensed individual practices psychology.  
9 Supervision shall be provided by an individual who shall be recognized as an appropriate supervisor of licensees as  
10 defined in Rule .2001 of this Section.

11 (b) An applicant or a nonlicensed individual who is not practicing or offering to practice psychology in North Carolina  
12 shall not be required to receive supervision.

13 (c) An applicant shall keep a written, notarized supervision contract form on file in the Board's office at all times. A  
14 supervision contract form shall document either that supervision is required and shall be received, or that supervision  
15 is not required.

16 (d) An initial written, notarized supervision contract form shall be filed along with the application form. A new  
17 supervision contract form shall be filed within 30 days of a change in the conditions specified in the supervision  
18 contract form on file with the Board and within 30 days after receiving written notification from the Board that the  
19 filing of a new form is necessary to provide for the protection of the public or the regulation of the practice of  
20 psychology.

21 (e) Supervision reports shall be submitted upon termination of supervision, when there is a change in the conditions  
22 specified in the supervision contract form on file with the Board, or at any time that the supervisor has concerns  
23 regarding the supervisee's performance. Additional monitoring and reporting to the Board may be required in cases  
24 where previous evaluations or other information (e.g., reference letters, ethical complaints, etc.) suggests possible  
25 problems in the supervisee's competence or adherence to ethical standards. Additional documentation or an interview  
26 with the Board or its designated representative(s) may be required when questions arise regarding the supervisee's  
27 practice due to information supplied or omitted on supervision contract forms and reports or when required forms are  
28 not filed with the Board.

29 (f) Contract and report forms shall be provided by the Board.

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31 *History Note: Filed as a Temporary Adoption Eff. December 1, 1993, for a period of 180 Days or until*  
32 *the permanent rule becomes effective, whichever is sooner;*  
33 *Authority G.S. 90-270.5(c); 90-270.9; Eff. April 1, 1994;*  
34 *Amended Eff. July 1, ~~1997~~ 1997;*  
35 *Readopted April 1, 2020.*

1 21 NCAC 54 .2008 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 54 .2008 PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATE**

4 (a) Except as provided in this Rule, a Psychological Associate practicing psychology in North Carolina shall receive  
5 supervision for activities specified in G.S. 90-270.5(e) and ~~21 NCAC 54 .2006. Rule .2006 of this Section.~~

6 (b) A Psychological Associate whose professional practice is limited to those activities other than those specified in  
7 G.S. 90-270.5(e) and ~~21 NCAC 54 .2006. Rule .2006 of this Section~~ as requiring supervision shall not be required to  
8 receive supervision.

9 (c) A Psychological Associate who is a regular salaried employee of the State Department of Public Instruction or a  
10 local board of education, and whose professional activities are limited only to those for which he or she is employed  
11 by that agency, shall not be required to receive supervision. This exemption shall not apply to individuals who contract  
12 with the Department of Public Instruction or local boards of education for the delivery of psychological services which  
13 otherwise require supervision in the schools.

14 (d) A Psychological Associate who engages in the practice of psychology in a jurisdiction other than North Carolina  
15 shall not be required to receive supervision as set forth in this Rule for those services rendered in another jurisdiction  
16 so long as said services in another jurisdiction are rendered in a manner consistent with ~~the~~ that jurisdiction's legal  
17 requirements.

18 (e) A written, notarized supervision contract form shall be filed within 30 days of a change in the conditions specified  
19 in the supervision contract form on file with the Board and within 30 days after receiving written notification from the  
20 Board that the filing of a new form is necessary to provide for the protection of the public or the regulation of the  
21 practice of psychology. A supervision contract form shall document either that supervision is required and shall be  
22 received, or that supervision is not required. A separate supervision contract form shall be filed for each separate  
23 work setting. A work setting is considered as self-employment, employment under an umbrella agency, or  
24 employment at a stand-alone business entity. If receiving supervision from more than one supervisor to meet the  
25 minimum requirements, a separate supervision contract form shall be filed with each individual supervisor.

26 (f) A supervisor shall report to the Board that agreed upon supervision has occurred and shall file a final report upon  
27 termination of supervision. ~~If not receiving supervision, it shall be the responsibility of the Psychological Associate~~  
28 ~~to report such to the Board.~~ A report shall be submitted to the Board by the following time periods: (1) within 30 days  
29 after receiving written notification from the Board that such is due, due; (2) within 2 weeks of termination of  
30 ~~supervision, supervision; and and, (3) within 2 weeks of a change in the conditions specified in the supervision contract~~  
31 form on file with the Board. If not receiving supervision, it shall be the responsibility of the Psychological Associate  
32 to report such to the Board.

33 (g) Additional supervision and reporting to the Board may be required in cases where previous evaluations or other  
34 information (e.g. reference letters, ethical complaints, etc.) suggests possible problems in the supervisee's competence  
35 or adherence to ethical standards. Additional documentation or an interview with the Board or its designated  
36 representative(s) may be required when questions arise regarding the supervisee's practice due to information supplied  
37 or omitted on supervision contract forms and reports or when required forms are not filed with the Board.

38 (h) Supervision shall be provided in individual, ~~face to face,~~ face-to-face supervision, as defined by Rule 2003 of this  
39 Section, sessions which shall last no longer than 2 hours or less than 30 minutes by an individual who shall be

1 recognized as an appropriate supervisor as defined in Rule .2001 of this Section. ~~A Psychological Associate shall~~  
 2 ~~receive a minimum of one hour per month of individual supervision in any month during which he or she engages in~~  
 3 ~~activities requiring supervision.~~ The rates of supervision specified in this Paragraph shall be provided for each separate  
 4 work setting in which the Psychological Associate engages in the activities requiring supervision. A work setting is  
 5 considered as self-employment, employment under an umbrella agency, or employment at a stand-alone business  
 6 entity. Minimum hours of supervision required for each work setting shall not be split between more than two  
 7 supervisors. The term "post-licensure" in this Paragraph shall refer to the period following issuance of a Psychological  
 8 Associate license by the North Carolina Psychology Board. The term "supervised practice" in this Paragraph shall  
 9 refer to activities requiring supervision as specified in G.S. 90-270.5(e) and ~~21 NCAC 54 .2006.~~ Rule .2006 of this  
 10 Section. Except as provided in Paragraph (g) of this Rule, minimum supervision requirements shall be as follows:

- 11 (1) Level 1. For a Psychological Associate with less than 3 calendar years consisting of at least 4500  
 12 hours of post-licensure supervised practice, minimum supervision shall be provided as follows:

No. of hours per month engaging in activities that require supervision	No. of hours of required individual supervision per month
1 - 10	1
11 - 20	2
21 - 30	3
31 plus	4

- 21  
 22 (2) Level 2. If a Psychological Associate does not meet the pass point set in Rule .1901(a)(1) of this  
 23 Subchapter, of a scaled score of 500, then after a minimum of 3 calendar years consisting of at least  
 24 4500 hours of post-licensure supervised practice a minimum of one hour per month individual  
 25 supervision may be provided to a Psychological Associate who engages in activities requiring  
 26 supervision. ~~After a minimum of 3 calendar years consisting of at least 4500 hours of post-licensure~~  
 27 ~~supervised practice, minimum supervision may be provided as follows:~~

No. of hours per month engaging in activities that require supervision	No. of hours of required individual supervision per month
1 - 20	1
21 plus	2

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 35 To be approved by the Board for this level of supervision, a Psychological Associate shall:

- 36 (A) make application on an application form provided by the Board;  
 37 (B) document that all performance ratings for the preceding 3 years and 4500 hours of post-  
 38 licensure supervised practice have been average or above average;

1 (C) have received at least one calendar year of supervision from the most recent supervisor;  
2 and

3 (D) have the recommendation of the most recent supervisor for this level of supervision.

4 ~~(3) Level 3. After a minimum of 5 calendar years consisting of at least 7500 hours of post-licensure~~  
5 ~~supervised practice, a minimum of 1 hour per month individual supervision may be provided to a~~  
6 ~~Psychological Associate who engages in activities requiring supervision. To be approved by the~~  
7 ~~Board for this level of supervision, a Psychological Associate shall:~~

8 (3) Level 3. After a minimum of 3 calendar years consisting of at least 4500 hours of post-licensure  
9 supervised practice, as set forth above in Paragraph (h)(1) of this Rule, or 5 calendar years of post  
10 licensure supervised experience, as set forth in Paragraph (h)(2) of this Rule if a psychological  
11 associate does not meet the scale score of 500, no further supervision shall be required, provided  
12 that a Psychological Associate shall:

13 (A) make application on an application form provided by the Board;

14 (B) document that all performance ratings for the preceding 3 years and 4500 hours of post-  
15 licensure supervised practice have been average or above average for those applying  
16 under Paragraph (h)(1) of this Rule; or 5 years of post-licensure supervised practice for  
17 those required to apply under Paragraph (h)(2) of this Rule;

18 (C) have received at least one calendar year of supervision from the most recent supervisor;  
19 and

20 (D) have the recommendation of the most recent supervisor for independent practice.

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22 ~~(A) make application on an application form provided by the Board~~

23 ~~(B) document that all performance ratings for the preceding 5 years and 7500 hours of post-~~  
24 ~~licensure supervised practice have been average or above average;~~

25 ~~(C) have received at least one calendar year of supervision from the most recent supervisor;~~  
26 ~~and~~

27 ~~(D) have the recommendation of the most recent supervisor for this level of supervision.~~

28 (i) The frequency and scope of supervision may, at the discretion of the supervising psychologist, be modified  
29 provided that the minimum rate of supervision as defined in Paragraph ~~(h)~~ (h)(1) or (h)(2) of this Rule is provided.  
30 The supervising psychologist of record may review, approve, and monitor additional individual or group supervision  
31 to be provided to the supervisee by a ~~Licensed Psychological Associate~~, licensed psychological associate, ~~Licensed~~  
32 ~~Psychologist~~ licensed psychologist holding a permanent or provisional license, or a professional from a related  
33 discipline. Such supervision shall not substitute for the minimum requirements specified in Paragraph ~~(h)~~ (h)(1) or  
34 (h)(2) of this Rule.

35 (j) Contract and report forms shall be provided by the Board.

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37 *History Note: Authority G.S. 90-270.4(c); 90-270.5(e); 90-270.9;*  
38 *Eff. July 1, 1997, 1997;*  
39 *Readopted April 1, 2020.*



1 21 NCAC 54 .2009 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 54 .2009            LICENSED PSYCHOLOGIST**

4 (a) Except as provided in ~~21 NCAC 54 .1707~~, Rule .1707 of this Chapter, to be issued a permanent license at the  
5 Psychologist level, an applicant shall document a minimum of 2 years consisting of at least 3000 hours of supervised  
6 practice which shall meet the requirements specified in Paragraphs (i) and (j) of this Rule. A minimum of 1 calendar  
7 year consisting of at least 1500 hours of this supervised practice shall be accrued at the postdoctoral level.

8 (b) A psychologist who shall meet all other requirements for a permanent license except the two years of supervised  
9 experience shall be issued a provisional license at the Psychologist level and shall comply with supervision  
10 requirements specified in this Rule.

11 (c) If practicing psychology in North Carolina, a provisional licensee shall receive at least one hour per week of face-  
12 to-face individual supervision by an appropriate supervisor as defined in Rule .2001 of this Section until permanent  
13 status shall be approved by the Board.

14 (d) A provisional licensee who is not practicing psychology shall not be required to receive supervision.

15 (e) A provisional licensee who engages in the practice of psychology in a jurisdiction other than North Carolina shall  
16 not be required to receive supervision specified in this Rule for those services rendered in another jurisdiction so long  
17 as said services in another jurisdiction shall be rendered in a manner consistent with ~~the~~ that jurisdiction's legal  
18 requirements.

19 (f) A written, notarized supervision contract form shall be filed within 30 days of a change in the conditions specified  
20 in the supervision contract form on file with the Board and within 30 days after receiving written notification from the  
21 Board that the filing of a new form is necessary to provide for the protection of the public or the regulation of the  
22 practice of psychology. A supervision contract form shall document either that supervision is required and shall be  
23 received, or that supervision is not required. A separate supervision contract form shall be filed for each separate  
24 work setting. A work setting is considered as self-employment, employment under an umbrella agency, or  
25 employment at a stand-alone business entity. If receiving supervision from more than one supervisor, a separate  
26 supervision contract form shall be filed with each individual supervisor.

27 (g) A supervisor shall report to the Board that agreed upon supervision has occurred and shall file a final report upon  
28 termination of supervision. If not receiving supervision, it shall be the responsibility of the provisional licensee to  
29 report such to the Board. A report shall be submitted to the Board within 30 days after receiving written notification  
30 from the Board that such is due, within 2 weeks of termination of supervision, and within 2 weeks of a change in the  
31 conditions specified in the supervision contract form on file with the Board.

32 (h) Additional supervision and reporting to the Board may be required in cases where previous evaluations or other  
33 information (e.g. reference letters, ethical complaints, etc.) suggests possible problems in the supervisee's competence  
34 or adherence to ethical standards. Additional documentation or an interview with the Board or its designated  
35 representative(s) may be required when questions arise regarding the supervisee's practice due to information supplied  
36 or omitted on supervision contract forms and reports or when required forms are not filed with the Board.

37 (i) One year of supervised experience shall meet all of the following criteria for a training program in psychology:

- 1 (1) The training shall be a planned and directed program in the practice of psychology, in contrast to  
2 "on the job" training, and shall provide the trainee with a planned, programmed sequence of training  
3 experience.
- 4 (2) The training site shall have a written statement or brochure which describes its training program and  
5 is made available to prospective trainees.
- 6 (3) Trainees shall be designated as "interns," fellows," or "residents," or shall hold other designation  
7 which clearly indicates training status.
- 8 (4) The training shall be completed within a consecutive period of 24 months.
- 9 (5) The training shall consist of at least 1500 hours of practice in psychology as defined by G.S. 90-  
10 270.2(8).
- 11 (6) The training site shall have a minimum of two doctorally trained licensed, certified, or license  
12 eligible psychologists at the training site as supervisors who shall have ongoing contact with the  
13 trainee.
- 14 (7) The training shall be under the direction of a licensed, certified, or license eligible doctorally trained  
15 psychologist who shall be on the staff of the training site, who shall approve and monitor the  
16 training, who shall be familiar with the training site's purposes and functions, who shall have  
17 ongoing contact with the trainee, and who shall agree to assume responsibility for the quality,  
18 suitability, and implementation of the training experience.
- 19 (8) The training shall provide a minimum of two hours per week of individual face-to-face discussion  
20 of the trainee's practice, with the specific intent of overseeing the psychological services rendered  
21 by the trainee. Supervision may be provided in part by psychiatrists, social workers, or other related  
22 professionals qualified by the training site, but at least 50% of supervision shall be provided by  
23 licensed, certified, or license-eligible doctorally trained psychologists.
- 24 (9) In addition to individual supervision, the training site shall provide a minimum of two hours per  
25 week of instruction which may be met by group supervision, assigned reading, seminars, and  
26 similarly constituted organized training experiences. Internships accredited by the American  
27 Psychological Association ~~and other internships which meet all of the specified criteria in this~~  
28 ~~Paragraph~~ shall be deemed to meet the requirements in this Paragraph.
- 29 (j) One year of supervised experience shall meet all of the following criteria:
  - 30 (1) A minimum of one hour per week of face-to-face, individual supervision shall be provided.
  - 31 (2) The experience shall consist of a minimum of 1 calendar year, shall include 1500 hours of practice,  
32 and shall be completed within a consecutive 4-year period.
  - 33 (3) Supervision shall be provided for the practice of psychology as defined by G.S. 90-270.2(8).
  - 34 (4) Supervision shall be provided by an individual who shall be recognized as an appropriate supervisor  
35 of licensees as defined in Rule .2001 of this Section.
- 36 (k) Contract and report forms shall be provided by the Board.

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38 *History Note:* Authority G.S. 90-270.5(d); 90-270.9;  
39 *Eff. July 1, ~~1997~~1997;*

Readopted April 1, 2020.

1 21 NCAC 54 .2101 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 54 .2101 LICENSE RENEWAL FORM**

4 (a) The license renewal application form shall be ~~mailed~~ sent either by mail or electronically to each licensee in the  
5 fall of each even numbered year. It shall be a licensee's responsibility to renew ~~his/her~~ his or her license in a timely  
6 manner, and to notify the Board if a renewal application form is not received.

7 (b) The form ~~may~~ shall require the licensee to supply information including, but not limited to, the following: name,  
8 license number, current addresses; telephone number; area of specialty; principal setting of practice; if malpractice  
9 lawsuit has been filed against licensee; if licensee has been denied a professional license or permit, or privilege of  
10 taking an examination, or had a professional license or permit ever disciplined in any way or if aware of any pending  
11 charges against a professional license or permit; if licensee has been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo  
12 contendere to any felony or any misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, misrepresentation or fraud in dealing with  
13 the public, or conduct otherwise relevant to fitness to practice psychology, or a misdemeanor charge reflecting the  
14 inability to practice psychology with due regard to the health and safety of clients or patients; whether or not the  
15 licensee received any formal continuing education during the past year; and report on all supervision contract forms  
16 on file with the Board.

17 (c) Failure of a postal service or an internet provider to deliver the renewal application properly, or failure of a  
18 licensee to submit all required information on the appropriate form by any established statutory deadline, shall not  
19 excuse the late fee or prevent license suspension.

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21 *History Note: Authority G.S. 90-270.9; 90-270.14;*  
22 *Eff. September 1, 1982;*  
23 *Amended Eff. May 1, 1996; October 1, 1991; August 1, ~~1984.~~ 1984;*  
24 *Readopted April 1, 2020.*

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1 21 NCAC 54 .2103 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 54 .2103 REINSTATEMENT**

4 (a) The information required for each applicant requesting reinstatement of licensure within 30 days after a license  
5 has been suspended due to non-renewal shall consist of:

6 (1) completed ~~renewal~~ reinstatement application ~~form~~; form. The form shall include the following  
7 information:

- 8 (A) applicant's legal name;
- 9 (B) mailing address and telephone number;
- 10 (C) business name, mailing address and telephone number;
- 11 (D) Social Security number;
- 12 (E) e-mail address;
- 13 (F) date and place of birth;
- 14 (G) licensure or applicant for licensure by another psychology board;
- 15 (H) if taken, the score on the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology;
- 16 (I) whether previously applied for a license to practice psychology in North Carolina;
- 17 (J) if denied a professional license or permit, or privilege of taking an examination, or had a  
18 professional license or permit ever disciplined by any licensing authority in North  
19 Carolina or elsewhere, or aware of any pending charges against a professional license or  
20 permit which is held;
- 21 (K) if ever withdrawn an application for licensure, or an application to take a professional  
22 licensing examination, in North Carolina or elsewhere;
- 23 (L) if ever been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to any felony or  
24 misdemeanor other than a minor traffic violation;
- 25 (M) other fields of work for which licensed or certified; or made application for licensure or  
26 certification;
- 27 (N) if hold a diploma from the American Board of Professional Psychology;
- 28 (O) whether doctoral program was APA accredited at the time of graduation;
- 29 (P) names of graduate programs attended and dates degrees awarded;
- 30 (Q) names and mailing addresses of three professional references, other than supervisors;
- 31 (R) list all work experience to cover the complete time frame, and including, any graduate  
32 internship, practicum, or other supervised training experience that serves as the basis for  
33 current application for licensure; brief describe for reapplying for licensure in North  
34 Carolina;
- 35 (S) any disability which may require some special accommodation in taking licensing  
36 examinations;
- 37 (T) if applying for Health Services Provider Certification; and
- 38 (U) employee misclassification certification.

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- 2 (2) documentation of having completed a minimum of ~~48~~ 24 continuing education hours as specified in
- 3 Rule .2104 of this Section during the two years preceding the date of application for reinstatement
- 4 of licensure;
- 5 (3) completed supervision report form, if applicable; and
- 6 (4) payment of the renewal and reinstatement fees.

7 The information listed in this Paragraph shall be filed in the Board office within 30 days after a license has been

8 suspended due to non-renewal.

9 (b) The information required for each applicant requesting reinstatement of licensure after a license has been

10 suspended for more than 30 days due to non-renewal or after a license has been voluntarily relinquished with the

11 Board's consent shall consist of:

- 12 (1) typed or legibly printed, ~~notarized~~ signed or digitally signed application form and supervision
- 13 contract form;
- 14 (2) signed consent form, completed Fingerprint Record Card, and other such form(s) or information as
- 15 required by the North Carolina Department of Justice to perform a criminal history record check;
- 16 (3) payment of fee required by the North Carolina Department of Justice to perform a criminal history
- 17 record check;
- 18 (4) documentation of having completed a minimum of ~~48~~ 24 continuing education hours as specified in
- 19 Rule .2104 of this Section during the two years preceding the date of application for reinstatement
- 20 of licensure;
- 21 (5) completed information forms from present and past supervisors;
- 22 (6) three completed reference forms from professionals who are familiar with the applicant's current
- 23 work, one of which shall be from a doctoral level psychologist;
- 24 (7) written verification and report on the status of any occupational licensure, including dates of
- 25 licensure and any disciplinary action which is pending or has been taken, sent directly to the Board
- 26 or to the Board's authorized agent from any other regulatory agency in North Carolina and any other
- 27 jurisdiction in which the applicant has applied for a license, is currently licensed, or previously was
- 28 licensed, if applicable;
- 29 (8) official graduate college transcripts, not on file in the Board's office, sent directly to the Board or to
- 30 the Board's authorized agent by the training institution(s); and
- 31 (9) payment of the renewal and reinstatement fees within 30 days after receiving notification from the
- 32 Board that reinstatement of licensure has been approved.

33 (c) An application shall contain all requested materials as set forth in Paragraph (b) of this Rule to be complete. An

34 incomplete application shall be active for three months from the date of application. At the end of such time, if still

35 incomplete, the application shall be void, and the applicant shall be deemed to have discontinued the application

36 process. If the individual chooses to pursue licensure at a later date, the individual shall ~~totally~~ reapply.

37 (d) To be considered to have made application for reinstatement of licensure pursuant to G.S. 90-270.5(a), the

38 information specified in Subparagraphs (b)(1) through (b)(4) of this Rule shall be filed in the Board office within 30

39 days of offering to practice or undertaking the practice of psychology in North Carolina.

1 (e) ~~Reexamination may be required for reinstatement.~~ The Board may require applicants for reinstatement to take the  
2 national examination, state examination, state renewal examination and/or other examination in effect at the time of  
3 application for reinstatement.  
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5 *History Note: Authority G.S. 90-270.9; 90-270.14(a)(2); 90-270.15(f),(h); 90-270.22(a);*  
6 *Eff. August 1, 1984;*  
7 *Amended Eff. March 1, 2008; May 1, 1996; November 1, 1991; March 1, ~~1989.~~ 1989;*  
8 *Readopted April 1, 2020.*

1 21 NCAC 54 .2104 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 54 .2104 CONTINUING EDUCATION**

4 (a) The purpose of continuing education is to provide for the continuing professional education of all psychologists  
5 licensed by the North Carolina Psychology Board consistent with the purpose of the Board ~~which is~~ to protect the  
6 public from the practice of psychology by unqualified persons and from unprofessional conduct by persons licensed  
7 to practice psychology.

8 (b) This Rule applies to all individuals licensed by the Board who renew their licenses and compliance ~~Compliance~~  
9 with this Rule ~~shall be~~ is a condition for license renewal. A license shall be suspended automatically by operation of  
10 law in accordance with G.S. 90-270.15(f) if a licensee fails to meet continuing education requirements specified in  
11 this Rule. ~~This Rule shall apply to all individuals licensed by the North Carolina Psychology Board who choose to~~  
12 ~~renew their licenses in North Carolina.~~ No exceptions to the continuing education requirements specified in this Rule  
13 shall be granted. Licensees who would otherwise not be exempt from licensure, required to be licensed e.g., because  
14 they are not practicing psychology in North Carolina, may relinquish their licenses if they do not wish to comply with  
15 the requirements specified in this Rule.

16 ~~(c) A continuing education hour is defined as one hour of instructional or contact time.~~

17 ~~(d) Category A requirements shall be met through attendance at formally organized courses, seminars, workshops,~~  
18 ~~symposiums, and postdoctoral institutes; or through completion of on-line or correspondence courses. Programs shall~~  
19 ~~relate to topics listed in Paragraph (g) of this Rule; be identified as offering continuing education for psychologists;~~  
20 ~~and be sponsored or co-sponsored by the North Carolina Psychology Board, by the American Psychological~~  
21 ~~Association, by American Psychological Association approved sponsors, or by North Carolina Area Health Education~~  
22 ~~Centers. Contact hours shall be specified by the sponsor.~~

23 ~~(e) Category B requirements shall be met through attendance at colloquia, presentations of invited speakers, grand~~  
24 ~~rounds, and in-house seminars; attendance at programs offered at meetings of professional or scientific organizations~~  
25 ~~which are not approved for Category A credit; participation in formally organized study groups or journal clubs; and~~  
26 ~~self-study (e.g., reading articles or books for professional growth or in preparation for publishing, teaching, or making~~  
27 ~~a presentation). One continuing education hour shall be credited for each hour of participation in Category B activities.~~

28 ~~(f) A licensee shall complete a minimum of 18 continuing education hours in each biennial renewal period which~~  
29 ~~begins on the first day of October in each even numbered year. Continuing education hours shall not carry over from~~  
30 ~~one renewal period to the next. At least nine continuing education hours shall be in Category A activities which shall~~  
31 ~~include a minimum of three continuing education hours in the area of ethical and legal issues in the professional~~  
32 ~~practice of psychology.~~

33 ~~(g) Topics for Category A and Category B requirements shall fall within the following areas:~~

- 34 (1) ~~ethical and legal issues in the professional practice of psychology, and~~



1 ~~(2) — the maintenance and upgrading of professional skills and competencies within the psychologist's~~  
2 ~~scope of practice. This includes, but is not limited to, training in empirically supported treatments,~~  
3 ~~the application of research to practice, and training in best practice standards and guidelines.~~

4 ~~(h) Continuing education hours shall not be allowed for the following activities:~~

5 ~~(1) — business meetings or presentations, professional committee meetings, and meetings or presentations~~  
6 ~~concerned with the management of a professional practice;~~

7 ~~(2) — membership, office in, or participation on boards and committees of professional organizations;~~

8 ~~(3) — research;~~

9 ~~(4) — teaching, presentations, and publication, except as allowed as self study in preparation for these~~  
10 ~~activities as provided under Paragraph (e) of this Rule; and~~

11 ~~(5) — personal psychotherapy or personal growth experience.~~

12 ~~(i) An individual licensed on or before October 1, 2002, shall attest on the license renewal application for the 2004-~~  
13 ~~2006 biennial renewal period, and on each subsequent biennial renewal application, to having met the mandatory~~  
14 ~~continuing education requirements specified in this Rule during the two years preceding the October 1st renewal date.~~

15 ~~An individual licensed after October 1, 2002, shall attest on the second license renewal application following licensure,~~  
16 ~~and on each subsequent biennial renewal application, to having met the mandatory continuing education requirements~~  
17 ~~specified in this Rule during the two years preceding the October 1st renewal date.~~

18 ~~(j) An applicant for reinstatement of licensure shall document that he or she has completed a minimum of 18~~  
19 ~~continuing education hours as specified in this Rule within the two years preceding the date of application for~~  
20 ~~reinstatement of licensure and shall attest on each subsequent biennial renewal application to having met the~~  
21 ~~mandatory continuing education requirements specified in this Rule.~~

22 ~~(k) For Category A, a licensee shall maintain certificates from Category A programs and written documentation of~~  
23 ~~the following for a minimum of seven years:~~

24 ~~(1) — date of program;~~

25 ~~(2) — number of contact hours;~~

26 ~~(3) — name of sponsor of program;~~

27 ~~(4) — title of program; and~~

28 ~~(5) — location of program.~~

29 ~~(l) For Category B, a licensee shall maintain applicable written documentation of the following for Category B~~  
30 ~~activities consistent with this Rule for a minimum of seven years:~~

31 ~~(1) — date of program or activity;~~

32 ~~(2) — number of instructional or contact hours as defined in Paragraphs (d) and (e) of this Rule;~~

33 ~~(3) — description of activity;~~

34 ~~(4) — name of presenter, facilitator, or leader;~~

35 ~~(5) — name of sponsor;~~

36 ~~(6) — location;~~

1 ~~(7) — full citation of article; and~~

2 ~~(8) — summary of content.~~

3 ~~The nature of the Category B activity determines the applicable documentation. For example, name of presenter,~~  
4 ~~facilitator, or leader; name of sponsor; and location are not required when a licensee documents reading a journal~~  
5 ~~article.~~

6 ~~(m) A licensee shall provide certificates, documentation, and a signed attestation form designed by the Board within~~  
7 ~~30 days after receiving written notification from the Board that proof of completion of continuing education hours is~~  
8 ~~required. The Board may randomly verify the documentation of required continuing education hours for a percentage~~  
9 ~~of licensees and may do so during the investigation of any complaints. A licensee shall not submit documentation of~~  
10 ~~continuing education obtained unless directed to do so by the Board. The Board shall not serve as a depository for~~  
11 ~~continuing education materials prior to its directing that documentation must be submitted.~~

12 (c) Definitions.

13 (1) Continuing education hour – one hour of instructional or contact time.

14 (2) Biennial renewal period – the period of time from the first day of October in each even numbered  
15 year, continuing for the following two years and sixty days, which is until the last day in November  
16 in the next even numbered year.

17 (3) Category A program sponsor –

18 (A) North Carolina Psychology Board;

19 (B) American Psychological Association (APA);

20 (C) American Psychological Association approved sponsors;

21 (D) National Association of School Psychologists (NASP);

22 (E) National Association of School Psychologists approved sponsors;

23 (F) North Carolina Area Health Education Centers (NCAHEC); or

24 (G) North Carolina Psychological Association (NCPA).

25 (4) Category B program sponsor – any program sponsor not listed in Subparagraph (3) of this  
26 Paragraph.

27 (d) During each biennial renewal period, a licensee must complete a minimum of 24 continuing education hours, a  
28 minimum of 15 of which must be completed under a Category A program sponsor as defined in Subparagraph (c)(3)  
29 of this Rule. Included in the 15 hours under a Category A program sponsor, a minimum of 3 continuing education  
30 hours in the area of ethics in the professional practice of psychology must be completed. To be credited as fulfillment  
31 of this requirement, the word “ethics” or a derivative of the word “ethics” must be in the title of the program, and the  
32 program must include such content. After completing a minimum of 15 hours of Category A continuing education,  
33 the remaining hours may be completed in either Category A or Category B.

34 (e) Except as specified in Paragraphs (g) and (h) of this Rule, the 24 continuing education hours, whether Category  
35 A or B, must meet all of the following requirements:

36 (1) The continuing education hours must be obtained through:

37 (A) in-person attendance at programs;

- 1                   (B) presentations at programs; or,  
2                   (C) completion of on-line or correspondence courses.
- 3           (2) The program sponsor shall award a certificate of completion which documents the following  
4           information:
- 5                   (A) name of sponsor and any cosponsor of program;  
6                   (B) number of contact hours credited explicitly for psychologists;  
7                   (C) title of program;  
8                   (D) date of program; and  
9                   (E) in the case of an APA or NASP approved sponsor, a statement that the entity is APA or  
10                  NASP approved to provide the program as continuing education to psychologists.
- 11          (3) All continuing education hours, whether Category A or B, must be in the maintenance and  
12          enrichment of professional skills and competencies within the licensee's scope of practice in  
13          psychology, including, but not limited to:
- 14                   (A) training in empirically supported assessment and/or treatment;  
15                   (B) the application of research to the practice of psychology;  
16                   (C) legal issues in psychology;  
17                   (D) ethics in the professional practice of psychology;  
18                   (E) training in how to properly supervise in accordance with Board rules regarding supervision  
19                   requirements, as described in Rule .2001(c) of this Chapter; and  
20                   (F) training in best practice standards and guidelines.
- 21          (f) To renew a licensee, a licensee shall submit the following to document that he or she has met the continuing  
22          education requirements specified in this Rule:
- 23                   (1) a signed attestation form created by the Board; and  
24                   (2) except as specified in Paragraphs (g) and (h) of this Rule, copies of certificates of completion that  
25                   include the information specified in Subparagraph (e)(2) of this Rule.
- 26          (g) A maximum of three continuing education hours may be credited in each biennial renewal period for any licensee  
27          who has received Board-required supervision, except when specified otherwise under a Consent Order or Final  
28          Decision executed by the Board. These three hours must be documented by the supervisor and will be credited toward  
29          the maximum nine hours allowed under Category B program sponsors.
- 30          (h) A maximum of nine continuing education hours may be credited in each biennial renewal period for graduate  
31          course work completed on a pass/fail or graded basis in a doctoral psychology program that is approved by the  
32          American Psychological Association. These hours must be documented on an official transcript sent to the Board by  
33          the institution of higher education at which the applicant completed the courses and will be credited toward the  
34          maximum nine hours allowed under Category B program sponsors.
- 35          (i) A maximum of three continuing education hours may be credited in each biennial renewal period for completion  
36          in each renewal cycle of the Board developed ethics renewal examination described in Rule .1901(a)(3) of this  
37          Chapter.

1 (j) Continuing education hours credited for license renewal in one biennium renewal period shall not be credited for  
2 license renewal in another biennium renewal period.

3 (k) An individual licensed on or before October 1, 2020, shall attest on the license renewal application for the 2020-  
4 2022 biennial renewal period, and on each subsequent biennial renewal application, to having met the mandatory  
5 continuing education requirements specified in this Rule. An individual licensed after October 1, 2020, shall attest on  
6 the second license renewal application following licensure, and on each subsequent biennial renewal application, to  
7 having met the mandatory continuing education requirements specified in this Rule.

8 (l) An applicant for reinstatement of licensure must document that he or she has completed a minimum of 24  
9 continuing education hours as specified in this Rule within the two years preceding the date of application for  
10 reinstatement of licensure and must attest on each subsequent biennial renewal application to having met the  
11 mandatory continuing education requirements specified in this Rule.

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13 *History Note: Authority G.S. 90-270.9; 90-270.14(a)(2);*  
14 *Eff. August 1, 2002;*  
15 *Amended Eff. July 1, ~~2003~~; 2003;*  
16 *Readopted April 1, 2020.*

1 21 NCAC 54 .2202 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 54 .2202 CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION**

4 The information required for an applicant to obtain a certificate of registration for a professional corporation or  
5 professional limited liability company organized to render professional psychological services shall consist of:

6 (1) typed, or ~~legibly~~ printed, ~~notarized~~ signed or digitally signed application ~~form~~; form. The form shall  
7 include the following information:

8 (A) name of corporation;

9 (B) purpose for which corporation is organized;

10 (C) mailing address;

11 (D) email address;

12 (E) telephone number;

13 (F) name, address, and license number (if applicable) of incorporator(s);

14 (G) name and license number of stockholder(s);

15 (H) name and occupation of members of board of directors;

16 (I) name and occupation of officers;

17 (J) name and license number of psychologists to be employed by the corporation; and

18 (K) name and duties of persons other than psychologists employed, or to be employed,  
19 by the corporation.

20 (2) ~~registration fee;~~ a completed Articles of Incorporation for a professional corporation or the Articles  
21 of Organization for a professional limited liability company to be reviewed and approved by the  
22 Board, Board Chair or the Chair's designee; and

23 (3) following submission of the Board-approved Articles of Incorporation or Articles of Organization  
24 to the Secretary of State by the applicant, the applicant must submit to the Board a final certified  
25 copy ~~by from the Secretary of State~~ of the Articles of Incorporation or Articles of Organization  
26 issued by the Secretary of State. The certificate of registration shall remain effective until January  
27 1 following the date of such registration.

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29 *History Note: Authority G.S. 55B-10; 57C-2-01(c); 90-270.9;*

30 *Eff. September 1, 1982;*

31 *Amended Eff. July 1, 1996; March 1, 1989; January 1, ~~1986~~ 1986;*

32 *Readopted April 1, 2020.*

1 21 NCAC 54 .2304 is proposed for readoption substantive changes as follows:

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**21 NCAC 54 .2304 NOTICE OF HEARING**

In addition to the items specified in G.S. 150B-38(b) to be included in the notice, notices of administrative hearings of the North Carolina Psychology Board: Board of Examiners of Practicing Psychologists:

- (1) shall give the name, position, address, and telephone number of a member, employee, or agent of the Board to contact for further information or discussion;
- ~~(2) may give notice of the date and place for a prehearing conference, if any;~~
- ~~(3)~~(2) shall inform the party or parties, other than the Board, of the right to file a written response to the allegations in the notice of hearing no later than ten days prior to any scheduled hearing date or within such other time as may be set out in the notice; and
- ~~(4)~~(3) may include any other information deemed relevant to informing the party or parties as to the procedure of the hearing.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 90-270.9; 150B-38;*  
*Eff. August 1, 1984;*  
*Amended Eff. March 1, 1989; September 1, 1988; August 1, 1987; January 1, ~~1986.~~ 1986;*  
*Readopted April 1, 2020.*

1 21 NCAC 54 .2701 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 54 .2701            HEALTH SERVICES ACTIVITIES**

4 (a) Health services in psychology include services provided directly to clients/patients or groups of clients/patients.

5 Such services include the following:

- 6           (1)     the diagnosis, evaluation, treatment, remediation, and prevention of:
- 7                   (A)     mental, emotional, and behavioral disorder;
- 8                   (B)     substance abuse and dependency; and
- 9                   (C)     psychological aspects of physical illness, accident, injury, and disability.
- 10          (2)     psychotherapy, counseling, psychoeducational, and neuropsychological services related to services
- 11               described in Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule;
- 12          (3)     psychological assessment and report writing, including scoring of test protocols;
- 13          (4)     documentation of services provided to clients/patients (e.g., progress or process notes, clinical
- 14               entries in records);
- 15          (5)     collateral contacts by a psychologist with family members, caretakers, and other individuals for the
- 16               purpose of benefiting a client/patient of that psychologist; and
- 17          (6)     consultation with other professionals in service to the psychologist's clients/patients.

18 (b) Health services in psychology do not include the following:

- 19           (1)     clinical supervision of other professionals who provide health services to clients/patients;
- 20           ~~(2)~~ (1)     psychoeducational instruction to individuals who are not identified clients/patients of the
- 21               psychologist providing such instruction;
- 22           ~~(3)~~ (2)     career counseling, to include assessment of interests and aptitudes;
- 23           ~~(4)~~ (3)     vocational and educational guidance;
- 24           ~~(5)~~ (4)     the teaching of psychology;
- 25           ~~(6)~~ (5)     the conduct of psychological research and the provision of psychological services or consultations
- 26               to organizations or institutions, except when such activities involve the delivery of direct health
- 27               services to individuals or groups of individuals who are themselves the intended beneficiaries of
- 28               such services; or
- 29           (7) (6)     administrative tasks associated with the delivery of health services, (e.g., billing and insurance
- 30               communications).

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32 *History Note: Authority G.S. 90-270.2(4); 90-270.2(8); 90-270.9;*  
33 *Temporary Adoption Eff. April 20, 1994 for a period of 180 days or until the permanent rule*  
34 *becomes effective, whichever is sooner;*  
35 *Eff. July 1, 1994;*  
36 *Amended Eff. July 1, ~~2009~~ 2009;*  
37 *Readopted April 1, 2020.*

1 21 NCAC 54 .2703 is proposed for re adoption with substantive changes as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 54 .2703 DISPLAY OF CERTIFICATE**

4 A health services provider certificate shall be displayed in close proximity to a licensee's licensure ~~certificate~~  
5 certificate, in his/her principal place of employment and in a place that is visible to the licensee's served clientele, or  
6 be available for view upon request by the licensee's patients/clients, at any time that licensee is practicing psychology.

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8 *History Note: Authority G.S. 90-270.9; 90-270.20;*

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1 21 NCAC 54 .2704 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 54 .2704 HSP-P REQUIREMENTS**

4 (a) To be certified as a health services provider psychologist (HSP-P), a licensed psychologist holding permanent  
5 North Carolina licensure shall be qualified by education as defined in Paragraph (b) of this Rule and shall have  
6 completed two years of supervised experience, of which at least one year shall be post-doctoral. These two years of  
7 experience shall meet the criteria specified in Paragraphs (c) and (d) of this Rule, or in Paragraph (e) of this Rule. An  
8 applicant shall submit a completed, notarized application form ~~and~~ and, if requested by the Board, provide  
9 documentation of meeting health services provider requirements. The application form shall include the following  
10 information: applicant's name; mailing address; email address; telephone number; license number; and health services  
11 provider certification level applying for.

12 (b) An applicant shall demonstrate that ~~he/she~~ he or she is qualified by education to provide health services by meeting  
13 one of the following criteria:

- 14 (1) is currently approved for listing, or is currently listed, in the National Register of Health Service  
15 Providers in Psychology;
- 16 (2) is a diplomat in good standing of the American Board of Professional Psychology in a health  
17 services specialty area;
- 18 (3) is a graduate from a doctoral program which was accredited at the time of the applicant's graduation  
19 by the American Psychological Association or the Canadian Psychological Association in Clinical  
20 Psychology, Counseling Psychology, School Psychology, or Combined Professional-Scientific  
21 Psychology; or
- 22 (4) has an academic foundation in the provision of health services as defined in Rule .2701(a) of this  
23 Section which meets the following requirements:
- 24 (A) The applicant's doctoral program, or formal postdoctoral program of re-specialization, in  
25 psychology shall be an organized training program which has established a clear intent,  
26 through the structure of the program and in institutional publications, to train individuals  
27 to provide health services in psychology as defined in G.S. 90-270.2(4) and Rule .2701(a)  
28 of this Section.
- 29 (B) Within the applicant's doctoral training program, or formal postdoctoral program of  
30 respecialization, in health services in psychology, course work shall have been completed  
31 in the areas of assessment, diagnosis, intervention, and psychopathology. The applicant  
32 shall further establish that he or she has completed relevant course work that has provided  
33 training in diagnosis, evaluation, treatment, remediation, or prevention of one or more of  
34 the following areas: (i) mental, emotional, and behavioral disorder, disability, and illness;  
35 (ii) substance abuse; (iii) habit and conduct disorder; or (iv) psychological aspects of  
36 physical illness, accident, injury, and disability.
- 37 (C) Pursuant to final Board approval, an applicant shall be considered to have been trained in  
38 the provision of health services in psychology if the applicant establishes that requirements  
39 set forth in Parts (b)(4)(A) and (b)(4)(B) of this Rule have been met through a doctoral

1 program, or formal postdoctoral program of re-specialization, in any one of the following  
2 areas of specialization in psychology: applied behavior analysis in psychology, applied  
3 developmental psychology, clinical psychology, counseling psychology, rehabilitation  
4 psychology, or school psychology.

5 (D) An applicant who holds a doctoral degree in psychology, who applies for licensure as a  
6 Licensed Psychologist, and who holds a master's or specialist degree in psychology that  
7 provides training in the provision of health services shall not be eligible for HSP-P  
8 certification if the applicant's doctoral program, or formal postdoctoral re-specialization  
9 program, in psychology does not also provide training in the provision of health services  
10 as set forth in Parts (b)(4)(A) and (b)(4)(B) of this Rule. If the applicant has a doctoral  
11 degree in an area of psychology that does not provide training in the provision of health  
12 services, that applicant shall not be eligible for HSP-P certification even if the applicant  
13 establishes that course work in the areas listed in Part (b)(4)(B) was completed or if the  
14 applicant has completed an applied training experience (i.e., practicum, internship,  
15 residency, postdoctoral fellowship, etc.) in the provision of health services without having  
16 completed a planned and directed doctoral or formal postdoctoral training program in  
17 health services in psychology.

18 (E) An applicant who has completed a doctoral program that establishes in institutional  
19 publications an intent to train individuals for careers in administration, research, teaching,  
20 academia, and other areas not involving training in the provision of health services in  
21 psychology shall not be considered to have been provided an academic foundation in the  
22 provision of health services and shall not be approved for HSP-P certification.

23 (F) Only that course work taken at an institution of higher education as defined in G.S. 90-  
24 270.2(5) shall be considered by the Board to establish that an applicant has an academic  
25 foundation in the provision of health services.

26 (c) Except as provided in Paragraph (e) of this Rule, an applicant shall demonstrate one year of supervised experience  
27 which meets the following requirements for an organized health services training program:

- 28 (1) The training shall be a planned and directed program in the provision of health services, in contrast  
29 to "on the job" training, and shall provide the trainee with a planned, programmed sequence of  
30 training experience.
- 31 (2) The training site shall have a written statement or brochure which describes its training program and  
32 is made available to prospective trainees.
- 33 (3) Trainees shall be designated as "interns," fellows," or "residents," or hold other designation which  
34 clearly indicates training status.
- 35 (4) The training shall be completed within 24 months.
- 36 (5) The training shall consist of at least 1500 hours of practice.
- 37 (6) At least 25% of the training shall be spent in the provision of direct health services, as defined in  
38 Rule .2701(a) of this Section, to patients or clients seeking assessment or treatment.
- 39 (7) Up to 25% of the training may be comprised of research activities.

- 1 (8) There shall be a minimum of two doctorally trained licensed, certified, or license eligible  
2 psychologists at the training site as supervisors who have ongoing contact with the trainee.
- 3 (9) The training shall be under the direction of a licensed, certified, or license eligible doctorally trained  
4 psychologist who is on the staff of the training site, who approves and monitors the training, who is  
5 familiar with the training site's purposes and functions, who has ongoing contact with the trainee,  
6 and who agrees to assume responsibility for the quality, suitability, and implementation of the  
7 training experience.
- 8 (10) The training shall provide a minimum of two hours per week of individual face-to-face discussion  
9 of the trainee's practice, with the specific intent of overseeing the health services rendered by the  
10 trainee. Supervision may be provided in part by psychiatrists, social workers, or other mental health  
11 professionals qualified by the training site, but at least 50 percent of supervision shall be provided  
12 by licensed, certified, or license-eligible doctorally trained psychologists.
- 13 (11) In additional to individual supervision, the training site shall provide a minimum of two hours per  
14 week of instruction which may be met by group supervision, assigned reading, seminars, and  
15 similarly constituted organized training experiences. This specified year of supervised experience  
16 may be obtained at a predoctoral level, provided that an additional year of supervised experience as  
17 defined in Paragraph (d) of this Rule is obtained at a post-doctoral level. Internships accepted for  
18 listing in the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology and internships accredited  
19 by the American Psychological Association in Clinical Psychology, Counseling Psychology, or  
20 School Psychology shall be deemed to meet the requirements in this Paragraph.

21 (d) An applicant shall demonstrate one year of supervised experience which meets the following requirements:

- 22 (1) The experience shall consist of a minimum of one calendar year and include 1500 hours of  
23 supervised experience.
- 24 (2) The experience shall be completed within a consecutive four-year period.
- 25 (3) The supervision shall be for the direct provision of health services in psychology, as defined in Rule  
26 .2701(a) of this Section, by the applicant to individuals or groups of clients/patients.
- 27 (4) At least one hour per week of formal, face-to-face, individual supervision shall have been provided,  
28 except that individual supervision provided up until January 1, 1996, may have been provided in  
29 two, two-hour sessions per month.
- 30 (5) The supervisor shall have been an appropriately licensed or certified psychologist, whose license or  
31 certificate was in good standing, in the state where the practice occurred.
- 32 (6) The supervisor, at the time of supervision, shall not have been in a dual relationship with the  
33 supervisee, ~~e.g.,~~ such as spouse, other close relative, close personal friend, or therapist. This  
34 specified year of supervised experience may be obtained at a predoctoral level, provided that an  
35 additional year of supervised experience as defined in Paragraph (c) of this Rule is obtained at a  
36 post-doctoral level.

37 (e) An applicant who holds a provisional license as a Licensed Psychologist in North Carolina on the effective date of  
38 this Rule shall not be required to have had one year of supervised experience which meets the requirements of an  
39 organized health services training program as specified in Paragraph (c) of this Rule, but shall have completed two

1 years of supervised experience, of which at least one year shall be post-doctoral, as defined in Paragraph (d) of this  
2 Rule.

3 (f) An applicant who documents that ~~he/she~~ he or she meets any one of the following criteria shall be deemed to meet  
4 all requirements of this Rule for certification as a health services provider psychologist (HSP-P):

5 (1) is currently approved for listing, or is currently listed, in the National Register of Health Service  
6 Providers in Psychology;

7 (2) is a diplomate in good standing of the American Board of Professional Psychology in Clinical  
8 Psychology, Counseling Psychology, or School Psychology;

9 (3) is a graduate from a doctoral program which was accredited at the time of the applicant's graduation  
10 by the American Psychological Association in Clinical Psychology, Counseling Psychology, School  
11 Psychology, or Combined Professional-Scientific Psychology and which included an internship  
12 accredited by the American Psychological Association, and who completes a postdoctoral year of  
13 supervised experience as defined in either Paragraph (c) or (d) of this Rule;

14 (4) is a graduate from a doctoral program which was fully accredited at the time of the applicant's  
15 graduation by the American Psychological Association in School Psychology and which included  
16 an internship meeting the guidelines of the Council of Directors of School Psychology Programs as  
17 documented by the program chair, and who completes a postdoctoral year of supervised experience  
18 as defined in either Paragraph (c) or (d) of this Rule;

19 (5) is a graduate who received a doctoral degree prior to 1979 from a program which included course  
20 work which demonstrates an academic foundation in the provision of health services as defined in  
21 Rule .2701(a) of this Section, and which included the equivalent of a one year supervised internship  
22 in an American Psychological Association accredited program providing health services, in a  
23 Veterans Administration setting providing health services, or at a site providing health services  
24 which was specifically acceptable to the applicant's doctoral training program, and who completes  
25 a postdoctoral year of supervised experience as defined in either Paragraph (c) or (d) of this Rule;  
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27 (6) is approved for licensure under senior psychologist requirements specified in 21 NCAC 54 .1707  
28 and demonstrates that at least 25 percent of ~~his/her~~ his or her qualifying practice has been in the  
29 provision of direct health services, as defined in Rule .2701(a) of this Section.

30 (g) An applicant applying under Subparagraph (f)(1) of this Rule, and who has not yet been approved for listing in the  
31 National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology, shall be permitted to file an affidavit verifying that  
32 ~~he/she~~ he or she qualifies for listing in the Register. Upon receipt of this affidavit, the Board may issue a health services  
33 provider certificate, conditioned upon receipt of a letter from the Register within 60 days of receipt of the affidavit  
34 which confirms approval for, or listing in, the Register. An extension of the 60 days may be granted upon showing  
35 that additional time is needed for application review by the National Register of Health Service Providers. (h) An  
36 applicant for health services provider certification who knowingly provides false or fraudulent information to the  
37 Board with respect to ~~his/her~~ his or her application, or who fails to provide the notification from the National Register  
38 of Health Service Providers in Psychology where required, shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Board,  
39 including revocation of licensure and the health services provider certificate.

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1 21 NCAC 54 .2705 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 54 .2705 HSP-PP REQUIREMENTS**

4 (a) To be certified as a health services provider psychologist (HSP-PP), a licensed psychologist holding provisional  
5 North Carolina licensure shall be qualified by education. An applicant shall submit a completed, notarized application  
6 form ~~and~~ and, if requested by the Board, provide documentation of meeting health services provider requirements.  
7 The application form shall include the following information: applicant's name; mailing address; email address;  
8 telephone number; license number; and health services provider certification level applying for.

9 (b) An applicant shall demonstrate that ~~he/she~~ he or she is qualified by education to provide health services by meeting  
10 one of the criteria defined in Rule .2704(b) of this Section.

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13 *becomes effective, whichever is sooner;*

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15 *18, 1995;*

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17 *Readopted April 1, 2020.*

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1 21 NCAC 54 .2706 is proposed for readoption with substantial changes as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 54 .2706 HSP-PA REQUIREMENTS**

4 (a) To be certified as a health services provider psychological associate (HSP-PA), a North Carolina licensed  
5 psychological associate shall be qualified by education. An applicant shall submit a completed, notarized application  
6 form ~~and~~ and, if requested by the Board, provide documentation of meeting health services provider requirements.  
7 The application form shall include the following information: applicant's name; mailing address; email address;  
8 telephone number; license number; and health services provider certification level applying for.

9 (b) An applicant shall demonstrate that ~~he/she~~ he or she holds a master's, specialist, or doctoral degree which provides  
10 an academic foundation in the provision of health services as defined in Rule .2701(a) of this Section and which meets  
11 the following requirements:

12 (1) The master's, specialist, or doctoral program in psychology shall be an organized training program  
13 which has established a clear intent, through the structure of the program and in institutional  
14 publications, to train individuals to provide health services in psychology as defined in G.S. 90-  
15 270.2(4) and Rule .2701(a) of this Section.

16 (2) Within the applicant's training program in health services in psychology, course work shall have  
17 been completed in the areas of assessment, diagnosis, intervention, and psychopathology. The  
18 applicant shall further establish that he or she has completed relevant course work that has provided  
19 training in diagnosis, evaluation, treatment, remediation, or prevention of one or more of the  
20 following areas:

21 (A) mental, emotional, and behavioral disorder, disability, and illness;

22 (B) substance abuse;

23 (C) habit and conduct disorder; or

24 (D) psychological aspects of physical illness, accident, injury, and disability.

25 (3) Pursuant to final Board approval, an applicant shall be considered to have been trained in the  
26 provision of health services in psychology if the applicant establishes that requirements set forth in  
27 Subparagraphs (b)(1) and (b)(2) of this Rule have been met through a master's, specialist, or doctoral  
28 degree program in psychology in any one of the following areas of specialization in psychology:  
29 applied behavior analysis in psychology, applied developmental psychology, clinical psychology,  
30 counseling psychology, rehabilitation psychology, school psychology, health psychology, or  
31 substance abuse treatment psychology.

32 (4) If the applicant is unable to establish that he or she has a master's, specialist, or doctoral degree from  
33 a program in psychology that provides training in the provision of health services, the applicant shall  
34 not be eligible for HSP-PA certification. This shall apply even if the applicant establishes that course  
35 work in the areas listed in Subparagraph (b)(2) of this Rule was completed or if the applicant has  
36 completed an applied training experience (i.e., practicum, internship, residency, postdoctoral  
37 fellowship, etc.) in the provision of health services without having completed a planned and directed  
38 training program in health services in psychology.

- 1 (5) An applicant who has completed a program in psychology that establishes in institutional  
2 publications an intent to train individuals for careers in administration, research, teaching, academia,  
3 and other areas not involving training in the provision of health services in psychology shall not be  
4 considered to have been provided an academic foundation in the provision of health services and  
5 shall not be approved for HSP-PA certification.
- 6 (6) Only course work taken at an institution of higher education as defined in G.S. 90-270.2(5) shall be  
7 considered by the Board to establish that an applicant has an academic foundation in the provision  
8 of health services.
- 9 (7) Applicants for HSP-PA who received their degrees during or after 1997 shall document that their  
10 degree program included an internship, externship, practicum, or supervised field experience at a  
11 site providing health services. This supervised training experience shall meet all of the following  
12 criteria:
- 13 (A) It shall be a planned and directed program of training in health services, in contrast  
14 to on-the-job training, and shall provide the trainee with a planned and directed  
15 sequence of training integrated with the educational program in which the student  
16 is enrolled. This supervised training experience shall be planned by the  
17 educational program faculty and training site staff rather than by the student.
- 18 (B) The supervised training experience shall have a written description detailing the  
19 program of training, or a written agreement, developed prior to the time of the  
20 training, between the student's educational program and the training site. Such an  
21 agreement shall be approved by the student's educational program prior to the  
22 beginning of the supervised training experience.
- 23 (C) The supervised training experience site shall have a designated and appropriately  
24 licensed or certified psychologist or psychological associate responsible for the  
25 integrity and quality of the supervised training experience.
- 26 (D) A student enrolled in a supervised training experience shall be designated as any  
27 of the following: an "intern," "extern," or "practicum student," or shall hold a title  
28 which indicates training status for the practice of psychology and provision of  
29 health services.
- 30 (E) The supervised training experience shall be a minimum of 12 weeks consisting of  
31 at least 500 hours of supervised training. At least 400 hours of the training shall  
32 be in the provision of health services as defined by G.S. 90-270.2(4) and Rule  
33 .2701(a) of this Section.
- 34 (F) The supervised training experience shall be completed within a period of 12  
35 consecutive months at not more than two training sites.
- 36 (G) Except as provided in Part (b)(7)(H) of this Rule, regularly scheduled individual  
37 face-to-face supervision with the specific intent of overseeing the provision of  
38 health services shall be provided by a North Carolina licensed or certified  
39 psychologist or psychological associate or by a psychologist who is exempt from



1 licensure, pursuant to G.S. 90-270.4(b), at a rate of not less than one hour per  
2 week during at least 12 separate weeks of the supervised training experience. The  
3 supervisor shall establish and maintain a level of supervisory contact consistent  
4 with professional standards and shall be accessible to the student.

5 (H) If completing a supervised training experience outside of North Carolina, the  
6 student shall be provided regularly scheduled individual face-to-face supervision  
7 with the specific intent of overseeing the provision of health services by a licensed  
8 or certified psychologist or psychological associate or by an individual holding a  
9 master's, specialist, or doctoral degree in psychology, at a rate of not less than one  
10 hour per week during at least 12 separate weeks of the supervised training  
11 experience. The supervisor shall establish and maintain a level of supervisory  
12 contact consistent with professional standards and shall be accessible to the  
13 student. Proof of the supervisor's license or degree program, as applicable, may  
14 be required by the Board to establish the supervisor's training in psychology.

15 (c) An applicant who is approved for licensure as a Psychological Associate under senior psychologist requirements  
16 specified in 21 NCAC 54 .1707 and demonstrates that at least 25 percent of ~~his~~ his or her qualifying practice has  
17 been in the provision of direct health services, as defined in Rule .2701(a) of this Section, shall be deemed to meet all  
18 requirements of this Rule for certification as a health services provider psychological associate (HSP-PA).

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