

GSCP Curriculum and Licensure Requirements Across States and Territories (updated annually, last updated 5/1/2021)

Doctoral programs of clinical psychology are regulated by two different accreditation bodies. Many programs are part of a regionally-accredited degree-granting institution, as George Fox is accredited by the NWCCU. While the university as a whole is accredited by NWCCU, the GSCP is also accredited by the American Psychological Association, indicating that it meets or exceeds criteria for the assessment of program quality evaluated through a peer-review process. The APA Commission on Accreditation (APA-CoA) is the primary programmatic accreditor in the United States for professional education and training in psychology. APA-Accredited doctoral programs provide broad and general training in scientific psychology and in the foundations of practice, and prepare students for the practice of professional psychology. APA accreditation demonstrates that a doctoral, internship or postdoctoral residency program has met the Standards of Accreditation, which prepares graduates to provide evidence-based services that are associated with improved wellbeing. APA-accredited programs prepare graduates to successfully and ethically deliver psychological services.

Students who complete their doctoral training through George Fox University Graduate School of Clinical Psychology meet the doctoral program requirements for licensure as a psychologist in 49 states and 2 territories. Each state develops and maintains their own requirements for licensure, including education/training through a doctorate of psychology program. However, licensure often additionally requires passing a state jurisprudence exam, passing a national exam, completion of a predoctoral clinical internship year, completion of a year of postdoctoral supervised practice, and in some states, there are additional continuing education requirements. For information on each state's licensure requirements, see the following:

[\[link to GSCP NC-SARA Google Sheet Table here\]](#)

While the requirements of the doctoral program are met for 49 states and 2 territories, two of those states have additional continuing education requirements as follows:

California- additional CE hours required- 10 hours of human sexuality, 15 hours of alcohol/chemical dependency detection and treatment, 7 hours child abuse assessment, 15 hours of Spousal or Partner Abuse Assessment, Detection, and Intervention Strategies, 10 hours of Aging and Long-Term Care, 6 hours of Suicide Risk Assessment and Intervention

Michigan- additional CE hours required in human trafficking “(1) Pursuant to section 16148 of the code, MCL 333.16148, an individual seeking licensure or licensed shall complete training in identifying victims of human trafficking that meets the following standards: (a) Training content must cover all of the following: (i) Understanding the types and venues of human trafficking in the United States. (ii) Identifying victims of human trafficking in health care settings. (iii) Identifying the warning signs of human trafficking in health care settings for adults and minors. (iv) Resources for reporting the suspected victims of human trafficking. (b) Acceptable providers or methods of training include any of the following: (i) Training offered by a nationally recognized or state-

recognized, health-related organization. (ii) Training offered by, or in conjunction with, a state or federal agency. (iii) Training obtained in an educational program that has been approved by the board for initial licensure, or by a college or university. (iv) Reading an article related to the identification of victims of human trafficking that meets the requirements of subdivision (a) of this subrule and is published in a peer review journal, health care journal, or professional or scientific journal.”

Doctoral education requirements are not met for one state, *New Jersey*, which requires three additional course credits in psychopathology than the current GSCP curriculum requires. New Jersey’s curriculum requirements are outlined here:

The doctoral degree must be based upon at least 40 doctoral credit hours earned specifically within the field of psychology and within a doctoral program requiring personal attendance at the degree-granting institution that meets the requirements below. Thirty-six of the required 40 credit hours shall be distributed across the following areas of graduate study:

- 1) Personality Theory and Human Development Theory: six credits (GSCP meets requirement)
- 2) Learning Theory and/or Physiological Psychology: six credits (GSCP meets requirement)
- 3) Psychological Measurement and Psychological Assessment: six credits (GSCP meets requirement)
- 4) Psychopathology: six credits (GSCP requires three credits of psychopathology)
- 5) Psychological therapy/counseling or Industrial/Organizational Psychology: six credits (GSCP meets requirement)
- 6) Research and Statistical Design: six credits (GSCP meets requirement)

For territories in which licensure requirements were not available, the website is provided in the table above for further inquiry.

This meets the reporting requirements of the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA).