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Subject Matter: Clarifying that the Examining Board of Psychology will give credit to applicants for licensure as a psychologist for supervised experience hours that meet all applicable requirements in chapter 246-924 WAC.

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The Examining Board of Psychology (board) may give partial credit for qualifying supervised experience hours when not all of the experience hours meet the criteria in chapter 246-924 WAC. This policy clarifies the board’s position on how it applies and gives partial credit for supervised experience hours toward licensure.

Supervised experience hours, including practicum hours under WAC [246-924-049](#), preinternship hours under WAC [246-924-053](#), internship hours under WAC [246-924-056](#), and postdoctoral supervised experience hours under WAC [246-924-059](#) are applied toward licensure if they satisfy all applicable requirements in chapter [246-924 WAC](#).

Under RCW 18.83.050(2) the board shall determine which applicants are eligible for licensure. When only some supervised experience hours listed on an application for licensure meet requirements, the board’s policy is an applicant may be given partial credit. The board will give credit to an applicant for hours that do satisfy the requirements. For example:

An applicant completes 1000 preinternship hours, of which 300 hours involve direct client contact. WAC [246-924-053](#) requires 60% of preinternship hours to be in direct client contact. To meet the 60% required in the rule, the applicant needed 600 hours of direct client contact.

$$1000 \text{ total preinternship hours} \times 60\% \text{ (or } 0.6) = 600 \text{ direct client contact hours.}$$

Because the applicant only completed a portion of the direct client contact hours needed, they will receive credit for proportionally fewer hours. The applicant will receive credit for 500 preinternship hours because the 300 hours of direct client contact completed meets the 60% requirement for a 500-hour preinternship.

$$300 \text{ direct client contact hours} / 60\% \text{ (or } 0.6) = 500 \text{ total hours.}$$

Additionally, supervised experience hours may count towards licensure requirements under a specific category of supervised experience (practicum, pre-internship, internship, post-doctorate) for which all requirements in [chapter 246-924](#) WAC are met, regardless of the terminology used to designate those hours on a transcript. For example:

If the transcript lists practicum hours taking place over more than one academic year, the excess practicum hours may count towards supervised experience requirements for preinternship hours if the hours completed meet all preinternship requirements in WAC [246-924-053](#), regardless of the terminology on the transcript.

When considering applications for licensure the board may grant partial credit towards submitted supervised experienced hours for the amount of supervised experience hours that meet applicable requirements in chapter [246-924](#) WAC.