

## **Update licensure requirements that apply to both APA and non-APA program graduates**

Since 2015, the [APA has been updating their accreditation standards](#). These updates have been extensive and have included changing the core requirements from a measurable, concrete list of course requirements to a non-measurable demonstration of competencies in a variety of domains, some of which overlap and some of which differ from the [old accreditation standards](#). See [comparison of old vs. new APA standards](#) for more detail.

Washington offers licensure for individuals with doctorate degrees from APA- and non-APA-accredited programs. It has been the practice, when reviewing licensure applications from non-APA graduates, for those reviewing the applications to compare an applicant's coursework and training experiences directly to the old APA standard, to identify equivalence in training, and thereby help to determine if the applicant meets the applicable rules. However, the revisions to the APA accreditation standards make this difficult. For instance, non-APA graduate programs, that are not using the updated APA accreditation standards as benchmarks, do not provide information in their syllabi, program brochures, or transcripts to describe an individual's competencies across domains. Therefore, it can take longer to determine compliance with the licensing rules.

Developing updated standards will help to ensure faster processing of applications. The board is seeking input from the public on amending [Chapter WAC 246-924](#) to create updated licensure requirements for all applicants.

## **Define categories for supervision hours**

The board has observed when reviewing applications that applicants experience confusion in documenting supervision hours across all categories of required supervised experience. The board is considering removing the [preinternship](#) category from the WAC and redefining the breakdown of hours within the [practicum](#) category. The board is not considering changes to the total number of required supervision hours.

## **Goal for public comment**

The board would like to hear your ideas on how to address these issues through changes to the licensure requirements in [Chapter 246-924 WAC](#).