



RULES WORKSHOP

Psychologists

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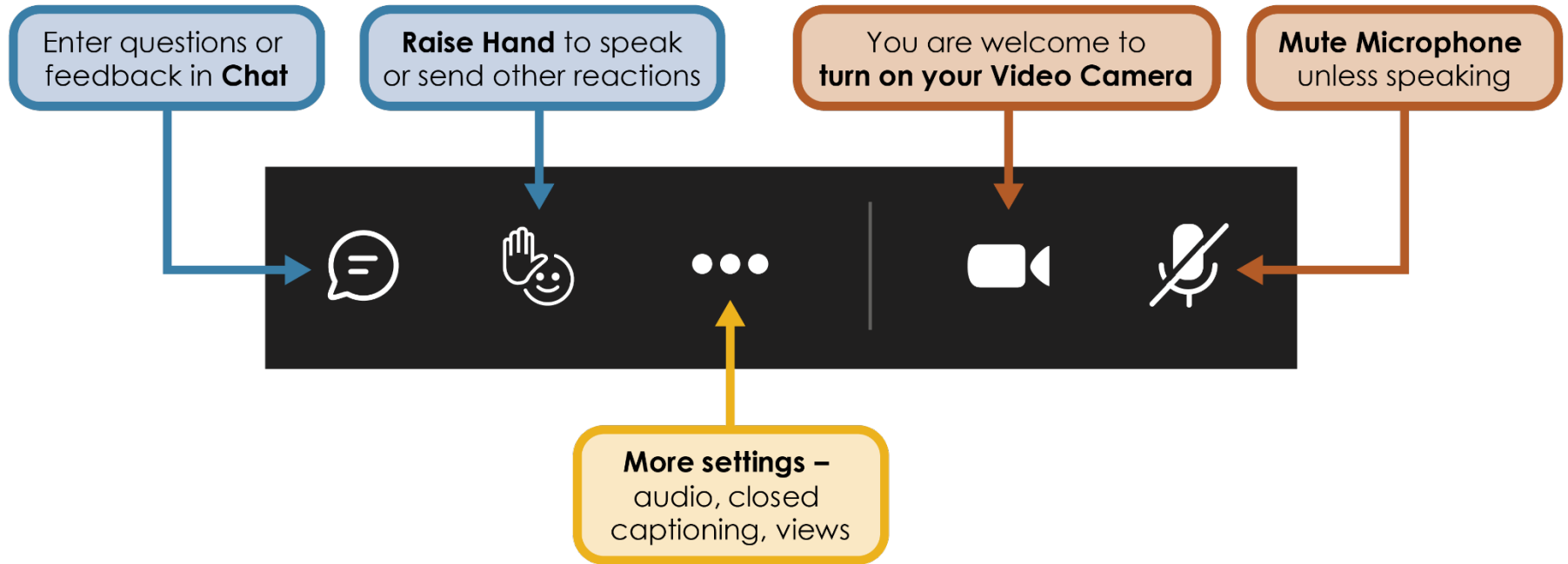
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MS Teams Features We Will Use Today



Tips

- Try to be present
- State your name before speaking
- Speak clearly

Communication Avenues

- DOH Program Staff: psychology@doh.wa.gov
- Sign up for [GovDelivery](#) for updates
 - Survey for Supervised Experience was sent out 6/4.
 - Survey on education, examination retakes, residency, endorsement, new psychological associate credential, and waiver for long-time practicing providers sent out 6/6.
 - One more survey will go out at the end of the workshops.
- Check our [website](#)

Submit public comments and surveys by July 1, 2024

Approximate Timeline

- File a new CR101 – completed May 2024
- Rules workshops – Spring through October 2024
- File CR102 – February 2025
- Public Hearing – March-April 2025
- File CR103 – May 2025
- Rules effective – July 1, 2025

Dates and Topics

Date	Time	Topic
June 4, 2024	12:00pm	Review draft Supervised Experience rules
June 5, 2024	5:00pm	Review draft rules on education, examination retakes, residency, and endorsement
June 6, 2024	12:00pm	New Psychological Associate license and waiver for long-time practicing providers
June 11, 2024	12:00pm	COVID-19 Policy Statements on telepsychology and virtual supervision
June 12, 2024	5:00pm	National Examination and any other topics of interest
June 13, 2024	12:00pm	All topics previously discussed - recap
June 18, 2024	12:00pm	Cancelled
June 20, 2024	12:00pm	Cancelled

Overview of Rulemaking History

- In 2021 the Board had commenced a rulemaking package to update the licensing requirements.
- In 2022 we held workshops, gathered public feedback, and starting drafting new rules language based on the comments received.
- In 2023 Second Substitute House Bill 1724 passed. Section 5 of the bill mandated the Department of Health (department) and the Examining Board of Psychology (board) to examine licensure requirements and identify changes that would remove barriers to entering and remaining in the healthcare workforce.
- Section 6 of the bill mandated the board to adopt permanent rules by July 1, 2025 to adopt the changes identified as being a barrier to entering and remaining in the healthcare workforce.

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- In 2024 Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 2247 passed. This bill established a new credential, the psychological associate license. The bill also gave the board authority to waive requirements for applicants who had continuously held a license in another jurisdiction for a period of time that renders the waived requirements duplicative or unnecessary (board to decide what that period of time would be).
- Since the board had already commenced updating licensing requirements prior to 1724 and 2247, all rulemaking packages have been merged into one.

Workshops Recap

At the June 4th workshop we reviewed draft language for supervised experience. Major proposed changes included:

- Merging preinternship and postdoc requirements into one standard.
- Changing the breakdown of hours into percentages for uniformity and to reduce confusion.
- Reducing direct client contact hours from 60% to 25%.
- Specifying group supervision is allowed under other learning activities.
- Reducing percentage of how many hours need to be supervised by a psychologist vs other supervisor types like master's level clinicians.
- Creating a new rule that would create a single standard for the supervision agreement for any of the hours completed in the "Other Supervised Experience" category.
- Clarifying the requirements for alternative internships that are not APA and APPIC accredited.

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At the June 5th workshop we reviewed draft language for education, exam retakes, residency, and endorsement . Major proposed changes included:

- Education:

It changes the courses that are accepted in order to meet the required content areas of study.

a) Allows all masters and doctoral level courses taken prior to the conferral of the doctoral degree to be accepted.

b) If content areas of study have still not been met after the conferral of the doctoral degree, up to two graduate courses can be taken after the fact.

c) If more than two courses are needed to meet the required content areas, courses must be taken as part of a respecialization program.

2) Updates the required content areas of study to better align with the updated APA accreditation standards, reduces the content areas from 15 to 14 areas of study, and provides more detail for all content areas on what type of courses meet each area of study.

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- Residency:
 - Clarifies the requirements for the two residency pathways (academic residency and educational meetings) and reduces the required educational meeting hours from 750 to 500 hours.
- Exam Retakes:
 - 1) Reduces the waiting period an applicant must wait to retake the exam from two months to one month.
 - 2) Requires applicant to submit an action plan after the second retake where an applicant indicates how they plan to prepare for future retakes.
- Endorsement Pathways:
 - This section was only rewritten and reorganized to list out all the existing endorsement pathways since there is now more than one pathway.

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- Psychological Associate Credential:
 - This section gave a rough outline to the requirements set in place by the legislation and some public feedback. To obtain and hold the credential each of the following requirements must be met:
 - 1) Applicant must either be currently enrolled in a doctoral program in psychology or participating in a postdoc experience;
 - 2) Applicant must be deemed competent by the director of clinical training or the postdoctoral supervisor; and
 - 3) Psychological associate can only practice under supervision.
- Waiver for long-time practicing providers:
 - *No rules for this section have been created yet. The bill gives the board authority to waive requirements for applicants who have continuously held a license in another jurisdiction (state, territory, or country) for a period of time that renders the waived requirements duplicative or unnecessary (board to decide what that period of time would be).*

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At the June 11th workshop we reviewed current COVID-19 policy statements on telehealth and virtual supervision.

Policy Statement - Telepsychology

- Practicum, preinternship, and internship all require students to obtain direct experience (aka direct contact) with clients.
- Due to COVID-19, the board issued a policy statement allowing direct experience (also known as direct contact) licensing requirements to be fulfilled through telepsychology.
- Policy applies from February 29, 2020 until the end of this rulemaking.

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Policy Statement – Virtual Supervision

- Preinternship and internship require “face-to-face individual supervision”.
- In rule, face-to-face is defined as “in-person contact in the same physical space not assisted by technology”.
- Due to COVID-19, the board issued a policy statement allowing the face-to-face requirement to be fulfilled through virtual supervision.
- Policy applies from February 29, 2020 until the end of this rulemaking.

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At the June 12th workshop we reviewed upcoming changes to the EPPP.

- Currently EPPP exam is one multiple-choice knowledge exam.
- The EPPP2 is a skills-based exam that is currently optional.
- Starting January 1, 2026 the EPPP will become one exam with two parts, Part 1 – Knowledge and Part 2 – Skills.

Questions?



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