



# Examining Board of Psychology Newsletter

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## **Message from the Chair, Christine Guzzardo, Ph.D.**

The mission of the Examining Board of Psychology (Board) is to ensure the safety of the public. As a regulatory Board for psychologists, the goal of the Board is to provide quality care and public protection. Maintaining continued competency in the years after initial licensure is a crucial aspect of providing quality health care. For these reasons the Board has taken an active role in fact finding related to the newest trends in the profession of psychology.

The Board has been proactive in studying national trends in the use of technology (e.g., tele-health and tele-supervision) in the provision of mental health care, which brings with it questions about ethics, standards of practice, scope of practice, and the applicability of the rules and regulations governing our profession.

The Board also believes that supervision is a crucial area of professional development for those seeking licensure and is exploring the progress of other states and the ASPPB toward defining requirements for psychologists who provide supervision to those seeking licensure.

As these areas of practice evolve the Board will seek to provide useful information to the psychologists of Washington. In the meantime, the Board encourages psychologists to seek continuing education opportunities through the various formats available, such as conferences, seminars, online courses, employer provided in-services/trainings, and workshops sponsored by educational providers.

In September the Board will offer an Ethics training in Seattle on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Notice of registration will be sent out through the psychology listserv in early August.

Enjoy the newsletter!

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The Honorable Christine Gregoire

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## **Continuing Education in Suicide Assessment**

HB 2366 passed during this legislative session. It requires continuing education in suicide assessment, treatment, and management for the following health professions:

- certified counselors and certified advisers,
- chemical dependency professionals,
- advanced social workers and independent clinical social workers,
- marriage and family therapists,
- mental health counselors,
- psychologists,
- occupational therapists, and
- providers in retired active license status in the above professions

The Board will establish in rule the specific requirements for their professions. Information will be sent out to the psychology listserv as soon as it is available.

### **Online Renewals**

The Department of Health is in the process of implementing online license renewals. Psychologists are not yet able to renew online, but will be able to renew their license online sometime in the near future.

### **Disciplined Psychologists**

Disciplinary action, if any has been taken, can be viewed on the Department of Health's Provider Credential Search website by entering the name of the health care provider. <https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/providercredentialsearch/>

### **Adoption of Interpretive Policy Statement**

On March 26, 2012, Examining Board of Psychology adopted an interpretive statement allowing the Board to consider an applicant's supplemental coursework that has been completed outside of the applicant's doctoral program to meet the requirements of WAC 246-924-046(3) under the conditions set out in the interpretive statement.

The interpretive statement allows the Board to accept supplemental coursework to satisfy the requirements described in WAC 246-924-046 if all of the following conditions are met:

- 1) The applicant meets all of the requirements in WAC 246-924-046, subsections (1), (2), and (4) but the doctoral program did not include courses described in (3);
- 2) The doctoral degree was granted without the supplemental course(s);
- 3) The supplemental courses were not taken as part of the doctoral program. The course may not appear on the doctoral transcript as a failed or withdrawn course;
- 4) Any supplemental course work must be taken for credit from a regionally accredited graduate program in psychology and must be documented on an official transcript;
- 5) If a supplemental course was taken prior to the doctoral degree in a graduate program:

- the subsequent doctoral program waived the course requirements and recorded the waiver on the transcript, or
  - the predoctoral course was not required for the granted doctoral degree and meets all other requirements outlined in this policy; and
- 6) No more than two supplemental courses that meet the above conditions may be used to satisfy the coursework required under WAC 246-924-046(3).

## **Notice of Recruitment**

The Board has two vacancies for licensed psychologists and one public member. The Board is looking for public-spirited individuals willing to study the issues and to make decisions in the best interest of the public.

The Board is made up of nine members:

- Seven psychologists
- Two public members

To qualify as a professional member one must:

- Be a citizen of the United States.
- Have been practicing as a licensed psychologist in Washington for at least three years.
- Live in Washington.
- Cannot hold office in a professional association for psychology.

To qualify as a public member:

- One cannot be and shall never have been psychologists or in training to be psychologists.
- Cannot have any household member who is a psychologist or is in training to be a psychologist.
- They may not participate or ever have participated in a commercial or professional field related to psychology nor have a household member who has so participated.
- They may not have had within two years before appointment a substantial financial interest in a person regulated by the Board.

The Board meets about six (6) times a year at the department's office in Tumwater or Kent. Members are paid \$50 per day and are reimbursed for travel expenses and meals. Board members take part in disciplinary hearings, case and application reviews.

If you or someone you know is interested in applying for these positions, please complete an application and return it by July 1, 2012 along with a current resume and three letters of reference.

If you have any questions about serving on the Examining Board of Psychology, please contact Betty J. Moe at Department of Health, Examining Board of Psychology, Post Office Box 47852, Olympia WA 98504-7852 or call (360) 236-4912.

You can complete applications at the following link:

<http://www.governor.wa.gov/boards/application/application.asp>

## 2012 Board Meeting Dates and Locations

May 18, 2012	Tumwater	Department of Health Town Center 2, Room 158 110 Israel Road SE
July 20, 2012	Tumwater	Department of Health Town Center 2, Room 158 110 Israel Road SE
September 21, 2012	Seattle	Seattle Pacific University 3307 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue W. STE 306 Seattle, WA 98119
November 16	Tumwater	Department of Health Town Center 2, Room 158 110 Israel Road SE

**Do you have ideas or suggestions for future Board newsletters? Is there something specific that you think we should address or include? Please submit suggestions to:**

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