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§18–101.

- (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) “Board” means the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists.
- (c) (1) “Doctoral degree in psychology” means:
  - (i) A degree received from a program that at the time the degree was awarded:
    1. Is accredited by the American Psychological Association or the Canadian Psychological Association; or
    2. Is listed in the designated doctoral programs in psychology published by the Council for the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology;
  - (ii) A degree received from a doctoral program in psychology from a school or university that, at the time the degree was awarded, had a regional accreditation recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation or the Canadian Psychological Association; or
  - (iii) A doctoral degree in psychology that the Council for the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology determines meets its criteria for a doctoral degree in psychology, if the degree was received from a doctoral program in psychology that:
    1. Is located outside the United States and Canada;
    2. Is currently accredited or designated in accordance with item (i) of this paragraph, but was not accredited or designated at the time the degree was awarded;
    3. Was completed prior to 1981 for United States programs;
    4. Was completed prior to 1988 for Canadian programs;or

5. Is no longer in existence.

(2) (i) A determination by the Council under paragraph (1)(iii) of this subsection that a doctoral degree in psychology meets its criteria shall be considered by the Board as *prima facie* evidence that the degree meets those criteria.

(ii) In determining whether the degree in psychology meets the criteria described in paragraph (1)(iii) of this subsection and subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, the Board may consider the completion of postdoctoral course work in psychology, not to exceed 9 semester hours.

(d) “License” means, unless the context requires otherwise, a license issued by the Board to practice psychology as a psychologist.

(e) “Licensed psychologist” means an individual who meets the requirements in § 18–302(f) of this title and is licensed by the Board to practice psychology.

(f) (1) “Practice psychology” means to provide to any person:

(i) Any service for compensation involving the application of psychological principles, psychological methods, or psychological procedures for understanding, predicting, or influencing behavior, including the principles that relate to learning, perception, motivation, emotions, organizational relationships, and interpersonal relationships;

(ii) Any service for compensation involving the application of psychological methods or psychological procedures for interviewing, counseling, psychotherapy, behavior modification, or hypnosis; or

(iii) Any service for compensation involving the application of psychological methods or psychological procedures for constructing, administering, or interpreting tests of mental abilities, neuropsychological functioning, aptitudes, interests, attitudes, personality characteristics, emotions, or motivations.

(2) “Practice psychology” includes:

(i) The application of psychological principles and psychological methods in the diagnosis, prevention, treatment, and amelioration of psychological problems, emotional conditions, or mental conditions of individuals or groups;

(ii) The use of psychological methods to assist an individual in acquiring greater human effectiveness or to modify feelings, conditions, attitudes, or behavior that is emotionally, intellectually, or socially ineffectual or maladjusted; and

(iii) The use of biofeedback instruments that do not pierce or cut the skin to measure physical and mental functioning.

(3) In this subsection, "psychological methods", "psychological principles", and "psychological procedures" include the body of information that can be derived from a graduate program in psychology, and other education or training recognized by the Board as prerequisites for a license under this title, and that does not amount to the practice of medicine.

(g) "Registered psychology associate" means an individual who meets the requirements in § 18-302(g) of this title and is registered by the Board to practice psychology.

(h) "Registration" means, unless the context requires otherwise, a registration issued by the Board to practice psychology as a psychology associate.

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