

2023 Kansas Statutes

74-5310. Issuance of license; fee; qualifications; rules and regulations; community-based psychologist license. (a) The board shall issue a license as a psychologist to any person who pays a nonrefundable application fee prescribed by the board, if required by the board, not in excess of \$225 and, if required by the board, a nonrefundable original license fee not in excess of \$150, who satisfies the board as to such person's training and experience after a thorough review of such person's credentials and who passes a satisfactory examination in psychology. Any person paying the fee shall also submit evidence verified by oath and satisfactory to the board that such person:

- (1) Is at least 21 years of age;
- (2) is a person who merits the public trust;
- (3) has received the doctor's degree based on a program of studies in content primarily psychological from an educational institution having a graduate program with standards consistent with those of the state universities of Kansas, or the substantial equivalent of such program in both subject matter and extent of training; and
- (4) has had at least two years of supervised experience, a significant portion of which shall have been spent in rendering psychological services satisfying the board's approved standards for the psychological service concerned.

(b) The board shall adopt rules and regulations establishing the criteria which an educational institution shall satisfy in meeting the requirements established under subsection (a)(3). The board may send a questionnaire developed by the board to any educational institution for which the board does not have sufficient information to determine whether the educational institution meets the requirements of subsection (a)(3) and rules and regulations adopted under this section. The questionnaire providing the necessary information shall be completed and returned to the board in order for the educational institution to be considered for approval. The board may contract with investigative agencies, commissions or consultants to assist the board in obtaining information about educational institutions. In entering such contracts the authority to approve educational institutions shall remain solely with the board.

(c) (1) An individual may apply to the board for a community-based psychologist license to practice psychology in the scope of employment by a community mental health center, as defined in K.S.A. 39-2002, and amendments thereto, a federally qualified health center, as defined in K.S.A. 65-7402, and amendments thereto, a psychiatric residential treatment facility as defined in K.S.A. 39-2002, and amendments thereto, or a private treatment facility as defined in K.S.A. 59-29b46, and amendments thereto.

(2) A community-based psychologist license may be issued by the board after the board reviews and approves the application and the applicant has paid the fee set by the board for issuance of a community-based psychologist license.

(3) (A) Absent extenuating circumstances approved by the board, a community-based psychologist license issued by the board shall expire:

- (i) Upon the date the board issues or denies a license to practice psychology; or
- (ii) 24 months after the date of issuance of the community-based psychologist license.

(B) No community-based psychologist license shall be renewed or issued again on any subsequent application for the same license level. This paragraph shall not be construed to limit the number of times an applicant may take the examination.

(4) A person practicing psychology with a community-based psychologist license may use the title "licensed psychologist" or the initials "LP" independently.

(5) No person may practice psychology under a community-based psychologist license except under the supervision of a person licensed by the board to practice at the independent level.

(6) The board shall adopt rules and regulations to set the fee, if required by the board, for the issuance of a community-based psychologist license in an amount not to exceed \$225.

(7) The board shall not issue a community-based psychologist license or temporary psychologist license to an individual who has previously been issued a community-

based psychologist license or temporary psychologist license.

History: L. 1967, ch. 432, § 10; L. 1969, ch. 393, § 1; L. 1972, ch. 309, § 1; L. 1986, ch. 299, § 15; L. 1988, ch. 243, § 15; L. 1990, ch. 286, § 3; L. 1996, ch. 153, § 29; L. 2002, ch. 59, § 2; L. 2009, ch. 135, § 2; L. 2016, ch. 92, § 64; L. 2019, ch. 55, § 19; L. 2023, ch. 90, § 30; July 1.