Definition / Domain Requirements

MASTER’S DEGREE DEFINITION

To be eligible for application to the Professional Psychologist Certification Board (PPCB) for NCP certification, the master’s degree must meet the following definitions:

- The graduate degree is awarded by an institution of higher learning in the public or private sector and is regionally and/or MPAC accredited. The accrediting bodies are: New England Association of Schools and Colleges; North Central Association of Colleges and Schools; Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges; Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools; Western Association of Schools and Colleges; and Master’s in Psychology Accreditation Council (MPAC).

- The graduate program should be labeled and advertised as a psychology program. (In some rare instances there may be programs that do not identify psychology in the program title, yet meet all the other requirements. These programs will be considered on a case-by-case basis.)

- The graduate faculty is primarily trained in, and identifies, psychology as their major field of study. This faculty holds the primary responsibility for designing and delivering the course of study in a manner that utilizes the established principles of psychology and emphasizes a scientific approach.

- The coursework will be comprised of at least 40 graduate semester hours or the equivalent. Examples of acceptable coursework are included in the Qualification Check Sheet. Please note course numbers and university name (if more than one transcript is submitted) next to course listings under domain headings.

CERTIFICATION QUALIFICATION CHECK SHEET

This tool is to be used as a quick screening device in qualifying NCP applicants from typical Masters Psychology programs. Other programs that are less common in make-up will need to be reviewed by the PPCB on a case-by-case basis, and their course content will be evaluated against that of other recognized and established programs in the field. Applicants must have completed graduate coursework in 6 of these 8 domains of knowledge and Ethics* is required either as part of the coursework or in workshop form (within 2 years of being NCP certified if not on transcript).
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APPLICANT NAME______________________________

1. APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY
   - Art Therapy
   - Career Counseling
   - Crisis Intervention
   - Family Counseling
   - Group Counseling
   - Health Psychology
   - Human Resource Planning
   - Individual Counseling
   - Introduction to Counseling
   - Organizational Psychology
   - Personnel Selection
   - Play Therapy
   - Psychology of Stress & Coping
   - Special Problems in Psychology
   - Sports Psychology
   - Theories & Tech of Counseling
     (or specific therapeutic techniques such as Adlerian, Gestalt, etc.)
   - Vocational Psychology

Total number of credits___________

2. BIOLOGICAL BASES OF BEHAVIOR
   - Behavioral Medicine
   - Drugs and Behavior
   - Neuropsychology
   - Physiological Psychology
   - Psychopharmacology

Total number of credits___________

3. DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY
   - Adolescent Psychology
   - Child Development
   - Developmental / Lifestyle Psychology
   - Psychology of Aging

Total number of credits___________

4. ETHICS
   *Ethics component required. If not completed as part of graduate coursework, an Ethics workshop or post-graduate course consisting of at least 3 hours must be completed within 2 years after NCP certification date.

Total number of credits___________

5. INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES
   - Abnormal Psychology
   - Psychology of Exceptional Children
   - Psychopathology
   - Theories of Personality

Total number of credits___________

6. METHODOLOGY
   - Experimental Psychology
   - History and Systems of Psychology
   - Psychological Statistics
   - Research Methods

Total number of credits___________

7. PSYCHOMETRIC METHODS
   - Intelligence Testing
   - Neuropsychological Assessment
   - Personality Assessment
   - Vocational Assessment

Total number of credits___________

8. SOCIAL / COGNITIVE / AFFECTIVE BASES OF BEHAVIOR
   - Educational Psychology
   - Ethnic / Cultural Psychology
   - Group Dynamics
   - Learning Theory
   - Motivational Psychology
   - Psychology of Cognition
   - Psychology of Human Performance
   - Psychology of Memory
   - Psychology of Mood / Emotion
   - Psychology of Perception
   - Psychology of the Sexes
   - Social Psychology

Total number of credits___________

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I have completed coursework that meets requirements from the following domains of knowledge:

- APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY
- BIOLOGICAL BASES OF BEHAVIOR
- DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY
- ETHICS
- INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES
- METHODOLOGY
- PSYCHOMETRIC METHODS
- SOCIAL / COGNITIVE / AFFECTIVE BASES OF BEHAVIOR

Number of domains met __________

APPLICANT SIGNATURE ____________________________ DATE __________________