



# STEPS TOWARD LICENSURE

*Thank you for your request for application materials for licensure as a psychologist in the State of Louisiana. Hopefully, the following steps will help you through the application process. If you have questions feel free to contact the Board office for assistance. Only forms provided by the LSBEP, or downloads in their original format from [www.lsbep.org](http://www.lsbep.org) are accepted. Additional documentation may be requested to verify compliance with the Board's licensing law and regulations.*

1. **Application:** The application must be notarized and include a passport-type photograph of the applicant. A curriculum vita is not an acceptable substitute. The application fee (\$250), in the form of check or money order, made payable to the LSBEP, must accompany the application. *The appropriate time to make application for licensure is immediately after your doctorate is conferred and prior to the inception of your postdoctoral supervision.*

2. **Transcripts:** Certified copies of all graduate transcripts from all colleges and universities attended by the applicant must be sent directly to the Board from the college or university registrars.

3. **Dissertation:** An abstract of the applicant's doctoral dissertation must be included with the application.

4. **Internship Documentation:** In applied areas, and otherwise when appropriate, detailed internship training must be verified by the applicant's appropriate supervisor's completion on the Internship Documentation form.

5. **References:** Professional Reference Forms will be sent from the Board office directly to those persons listed on an application. Appropriate references include former supervisors, faculty members, and other psychologists. Inappropriate references include friends, relatives, or fellow students.

6. **Practicum Documentation:** Applied areas of specialization require a minimum of 300 hours of practicum experience that precedes the internship. The practicum training usually requires academic credit with a time commitment of 8 to 16 hours per week. This 300 hours must include at least 100 hours of direct client contact and at least 50 hours of scheduled individual supervision.

7. **Criminal Background Check:** Upon receipt of application, materials will be sent to complete a Criminal Background Check. There will be a \$50 fee.

8. **Supervised Practice Plan:** To ensure that supervision is credited toward licensure the enclosed Supervised Practice Plan form should be submitted to the Board for approval prior to the inception of the applicants post doctoral supervision. Upon approval/disapproval, a signed copy of the Supervised Practice Plan will be returned to the supervisor with a copy to the candidate. Supervision must be in accordance with the licensing law and the Board's regulations. *Supervising psychologists must have essentially the same training as the applicant supervisee.*

9. **Candidate Status:** Items 1-7 must be completed and documented with the Board before the applicant may be considered for candidate status, and invited to take the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP). The Board requires a minimum score of 500 on the EPPP. If an applicant has previously taken the EPPP, his/her test scores must be sent directly to the Board by the Professional Examination Service (475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115.). Candidate status will not be confirmed by the Board until all documentation, including Criminal Background Check records and Postdoctoral Supervision forms have been received and cleared.

10. **Postdoctoral Supervision Documentation:** The Postdoctoral Supervision Documentation form must be completed by the supervising psychologist(s) at the conclusion of the required postdoctoral period of supervision. This form must be received by the Board before a candidate will be invited to sit for the jurisprudence examination and the oral examination.

11. **Out-of-State Psychologists Moving to Louisiana:** An applicant for licensure who is licensed in another state, must document supervision by a Louisiana psychologist while awaiting licensure by filing the Supervised Practice Plan form with the Board.

12. **Oral and Jurisprudence Examination:** After the Board has admitted an applicant to candidacy, accepted his or her EPPP scores, approved his or her documentation of supervision, and ascertained the completion of all licensing criteria, the candidate will be invited to sit for the jurisprudence and oral examinations. Upon successful completion of both examinations, the candidate may be licensed for the independent practice of psychology in the State of Louisiana.

13. **Application for Licensure by Reciprocity:** If an applicant is currently licensed to practice psychology in Texas he/she *may* be eligible to apply for licensure in Louisiana by reciprocity in lieu of the regular process. The candidate would still be required to pass the jurisprudence examination and sit before the LSBEP for a face-to-face meeting prior to licensure. Diplomats of the American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP) or holder of the Certificate of Professional Qualification in Psychology (CPQ) issued by the ASPPB may be eligible for licensure in Louisiana via this form of mobility as well. Criminal Background Checks are required of all applicants for licensure.

*Louisiana law prohibits individuals from representing themselves as psychologists to the public without Louisiana licensure. Further, it prohibits the delivery of psychological services without supervision by a psychologist licensed in Louisiana. (REV. 3/09)*