

Newfoundland and Labrador Psychology Board

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Guidelines for Degrees in Psychology Acceptable to the Board

1. Applicants for registration as psychologists will be required to show that they have obtained a masters, doctoral or equivalent degree based on a programme of studies which is primarily psychological in nature from an educational institution approved by the Board. The applicant's training must include adequate background in psychological theory and acceptable professional experience.
2. Applicants for registration as psychologists will be required, in addition, to show that they have obtained a degree which meets the following criteria:
 - a. Training in psychology is graduate training offered in a recognized degree-granting institution in Canada, a regionally accredited institution of higher education in the United States, or a university in another foreign country approved by the Board.
 - b. The programme, wherever it may be administratively housed, must be clearly identified and labelled as a psychology programme. Such a programme must specify in pertinent institutional catalogs and brochures its intent to educate and train psychologists.
 - c. The psychology programme must stand as a recognizable, coherent organizational entity within the institution.
 - d. The programme must be an integrated, organized sequence of study.
 - e. The majority or the faculty members in the programme must be psychologists and must be responsible for the programme. The faculty of the programme must have clear authority and primary responsibility for the core and specialty areas whether or not the programme cuts across administrative lines.
 - f. The programme must have an identifiable body of students who are matriculated in that programme for a degree.
 - g. The programme must include professional experience such as a supervised practicum, internship, field or laboratory training appropriate to the practice of psychology.
 - h. Candidates for admission to graduate programmes in psychology will normally have completed a four-year undergraduate degree in psychology or appropriate equivalent study.
 - i. The curriculum shall typically encompass a minimum of one academic year of full-time graduate study for a master's degree, and a minimum of two additional years of full-time graduate study for a doctoral degree.

- j. In addition to instruction in scientific and professional ethics and standards, research design and methodology, statistics and psychometrics, the core programme shall typically include a minimum of one half year:
- i. BIOLOGICAL BASES OF BEHAVIOR: Physiological psychology, comparative psychology, neuropsychology, sensation and perception, psychopharmacology.
 - ii. COGNITIVE-AFFECTIVE BASES OF BEHAVIOR: Learning, thinking, motivation, emotion.
 - iii. SOCIAL BASES OF BEHAVIOR: Social psychology, group processes, organizational and systems theory.
 - iv. INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES: Personality theory, human development, abnormal psychology.

In addition, all graduate programmes in psychology will include course requirements in specialty areas