

# HB3373



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Introduced 2/18/2025, by Rep. Lindsey LaPointe

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 15/10

from Ch. 111, par. 5360

Amends the Clinical Psychologist Licensing Act. In provisions concerning the qualifications of applicants, provides that the first part of the required examination for licensure may be taken upon graduation and before completion of a postdoctoral supervised experience in clinical, school, or counseling psychology.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Clinical Psychologist Licensing Act is  
5 amended by changing Section 10 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 15/10) (from Ch. 111, par. 5360)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2027)

8 Sec. 10. Qualifications of applicants; examination. The  
9 Department, except as provided in Section 11 of this Act,  
10 shall issue a license as a clinical psychologist to any person  
11 who pays an application fee and who:

12 (1) is at least 21 years of age;

13 (2) (blank);

14 (3) is a graduate of a doctoral program from a  
15 college, university or school accredited by the regional  
16 accrediting body which is recognized by the Council on  
17 Postsecondary Accreditation and is in the jurisdiction in  
18 which it is located for purposes of granting the doctoral  
19 degree and either:

20 (a) is a graduate of a doctoral program in  
21 clinical, school or counseling psychology either  
22 accredited by the American Psychological Association  
23 or the Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation

1 System or approved by the Council for the National  
2 Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology or  
3 other national board recognized by the Board, and has  
4 completed 2 years of satisfactory supervised  
5 experience in clinical, school or counseling  
6 psychology at least one of which is an internship and  
7 one of which is postdoctoral; or

8 (b) holds a doctoral degree from a recognized  
9 college, university or school which the Department,  
10 through its rules, establishes as being equivalent to  
11 a clinical, school or counseling psychology program  
12 and has completed at least one course in each of the  
13 following 7 content areas, in actual attendance at a  
14 recognized university, college or school whose  
15 graduates would be eligible for licensure under this  
16 Act: scientific and professional ethics, biological  
17 basis of behavior, cognitive-affective basis of  
18 behavior, social basis of behavior, individual  
19 differences, assessment, and treatment modalities; and  
20 has completed 2 years of satisfactory supervised  
21 experience in clinical, school or counseling  
22 psychology, at least one of which is an internship and  
23 one of which is postdoctoral; or

24 (c) holds a doctorate in psychology or in a  
25 program whose content is psychological in nature from  
26 an accredited college, university or school not

1 meeting the standards of paragraph (a) or (b) of this  
2 subsection (3) and provides evidence of the completion  
3 of at least one course in each of the 7 content areas  
4 specified in paragraph (b) in actual attendance at a  
5 recognized university, school or college whose  
6 graduate would be eligible for licensure under this  
7 Act; and has completed an appropriate practicum, an  
8 internship or equivalent supervised clinical  
9 experience in an organized mental health care setting  
10 and 2 years of satisfactory supervised experience in  
11 clinical or counseling psychology, at least one of  
12 which is postdoctoral; and

13 (4) has passed an examination authorized by the  
14 Department to determine his or her fitness to receive a  
15 license.

16 Applicants for licensure under subsection (3)(a) and (3)(b) of  
17 this Section shall complete 2 years of satisfactory supervised  
18 experience, at least one of which shall be an internship and  
19 one of which shall be postdoctoral. A year of supervised  
20 experience is defined as not less than 1,750 hours obtained in  
21 not less than 50 weeks based on 35 hours per week for full-time  
22 work experience. Full-time supervised experience will be  
23 counted only if it is obtained in a single setting for a  
24 minimum of 6 months. Part-time and internship experience will  
25 be counted only if it is 18 hours or more a week for a minimum  
26 of 9 months and is in a single setting. The internship

1 experience required under subsection (3) (a) and (3) (b) of this  
2 Section shall be a minimum of 1,750 hours completed within 24  
3 months.

4 Programs leading to a doctoral degree require minimally  
5 the equivalent of 3 full-time academic years of graduate  
6 study, at least 2 years of which are at the institution from  
7 which the degree is granted, and of which at least one year or  
8 its equivalent is in residence at the institution from which  
9 the degree is granted. Course work for which credit is given  
10 for life experience will not be accepted by the Department as  
11 fulfilling the educational requirements for licensure.  
12 Residence requires interaction with psychology faculty and  
13 other matriculated psychology students; one year's residence  
14 or its equivalent is defined as follows:

15 (a) 30 semester hours taken on a full-time or  
16 part-time basis at the institution accumulated within 24  
17 months, or

18 (b) a minimum of 350 hours of student-faculty contact  
19 involving face-to-face individual or group courses or  
20 seminars accumulated within 18 months. Such educational  
21 meetings must include both faculty-student and  
22 student-student interaction, be conducted by the  
23 psychology faculty of the institution at least 90% of the  
24 time, be fully documented by the institution, and relate  
25 substantially to the program and course content. The  
26 institution must clearly document how the applicant's

1 performance is assessed and evaluated.

2 To meet the requirement for satisfactory supervised  
3 experience, under this Act the supervision must be performed  
4 pursuant to the order, control and full professional  
5 responsibility of a licensed clinical psychologist. The  
6 clients shall be the clients of the agency or supervisor  
7 rather than the supervisee. Supervised experience in which the  
8 supervisor receives monetary payment or other consideration  
9 from the supervisee or in which the supervisor is hired by or  
10 otherwise employed by the supervisee shall not be accepted by  
11 the Department as fulfilling the practicum, internship or 2  
12 years of satisfactory supervised experience requirements for  
13 licensure.

14 Examinations for applicants under this Act shall be held  
15 at the direction of the Department from time to time but not  
16 less than once each year. The scope and form of the examination  
17 shall be determined by the Department.

18 Each applicant for a license who possesses the necessary  
19 qualifications therefor shall be examined by the Department,  
20 and shall pay to the Department, or its designated testing  
21 service, the required examination fee, which fee shall not be  
22 refunded by the Department. The first part of the required  
23 examination may be taken upon graduation and before completion  
24 of a postdoctoral supervised experience in clinical, school,  
25 or counseling psychology.

26 Applicants have 3 years from the date of application to

1 complete the application process. If the process has not been  
2 completed in 3 years, the application shall be denied, the fee  
3 shall be forfeited, and the applicant must reapply and meet  
4 the requirements in effect at the time of reapplication.

5 An applicant has one year from the date of notification of  
6 successful completion of the examination to apply to the  
7 Department for a license. If an applicant fails to apply  
8 within one year, the applicant shall be required to take and  
9 pass the examination again unless licensed in another  
10 jurisdiction of the United States within one year of passing  
11 the examination.

12 (Source: P.A. 98-849, eff. 1-1-15; 99-572, eff. 7-15-16.)