

## The In-Residence Requirement

*Applies only to programs that are not APA or CPA Accredited.*

### **For PSYCHOLOGIST applicants:**

*\*Through July 22, 2019, non-APA/CPA programs at regionally accredited institutions will continue to be accepted for applicants who enrolled in their program prior to July 22, 2014.*

The applicant must show that his or her doctoral program in psychology included a minimum of **one continuous year in residence** at the institution from which their degree was granted:

(A) One continuous year means two consecutive semesters or three consecutive quarters.

(B) In residence means physical presence, in person, at an educational institution or training facility in a manner that facilitates acculturation into the profession, the full participation and integration of the individual in the educational and training experience, and includes faculty and student interaction.

(C) The doctoral program may include distance education, but a minimum of one continuous year of the program shall be in-residence. Programs that use physical presence, including face-to-face contact for durations of less than one continuous year, (e.g., multiple long weekends and/or summer intensive sessions) or that use video conferencing or other electronic means as a substitute for physical presence at the institution do not meet the in-residence requirement.

## **OR**

Effective only through August 12, 2015: Applicants who can verify that they enrolled in their program prior to August 12, 2011 may apply under the "old rule" definition of in-residence. Under this provision, one continuous year means a minimum of **500 hours** of student-faculty contact involving face-to-face individual or group educational meetings. Such educational meetings must include both faculty-student and student-student interaction, be conducted by the psychology faculty of the institution at least 90 percent of the time, be documented by the applicant and the institution, and relate substantially to the program components specified. Items such as receptions, meals, group socials and library tours may not count towards the minimum 500 hours of educational meetings. **Applicants applying under this provision shall submit full documentation that they have met this requirement, which must include a detailed description of the content of the 500 hours of educational meetings and be verified by the administration of the doctoral program.**

### **For PSYCHOLOGIST ASSOCIATE applicants:**

Effective July 26, 2016: The applicant must show that his or her master's program included a minimum of one continuous year in-residence at the institution from which the degree is granted:

(a) One continuous year means two consecutive semesters or three consecutive quarters.

(b) In-residence means physical presence, in person, at an educational institution or training facility in a manner that facilitates acculturation into the profession, the full participation and integration of the individual in the educational and training experience, and includes faculty and student interaction.

(c) The master's program may include distance education, but a minimum of one continuous year of the program shall be in-residence. Programs that use physical presence, including face-to-face contact for durations of less than one continuous year, (e.g., multiple long weekends and/or summer intensive sessions) or that use video teleconferencing or other electronic means as a substitute for physical presence at the institution do not meet the in-residence requirement.