



## Ohio Revised Code

### Section 4732.141 Continuing education in psychology.

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(A)(1)(a) Except as provided in division (D) of this section, on or before the thirty-first day of August of each even-numbered year, each person who holds a psychologist or independent school psychologist license issued by the state board of psychology shall have completed, in the preceding two-year period, not less than twenty-three hours of continuing education in psychology, including not less than four hours of continuing education in one or more of the following:

(i) Professional conduct;

(ii) Ethics;

(iii) The role of culture, ethnic identity, or both in the provision of psychological assessment, consultation, or psychological interventions, or a combination thereof.

(b) Except as provided in division (D) of this section, on or before the thirty-first day of August of each year ending in zero or five, each person who holds a school psychologist license issued by the state board of psychology shall have completed, in the preceding five-year period, not less than fifty hours of continuing education in psychology, including not less than four hours of continuing education in one or more of the following:

(i) Professional conduct;

(ii) Ethics;

(iii) The role of culture, ethnic identity, or both in the provision of psychological assessment, consultation, or psychological interventions, or a combination thereof.

(2) Each license holder shall certify to the board, at the time of biennial or quinquennial registration pursuant to section 4732.14 of the Revised Code and on the registration form prescribed by the board



under that section, that in the preceding two or five-year period, as applicable, the license holder has completed continuing psychology education in compliance with this section. The board shall adopt rules establishing the procedure for a license holder to certify to the board and for properly recording with the Ohio psychological association or the Ohio school psychologists association completion of the continuing education.

(B) Continuing psychology education may be applied to meet the requirement of division (A) of this section if both of the following requirements are met:

(1) It is obtained through a program or course approved by the state board of psychology, the Ohio psychological association, the Ohio association of black psychologists, or the American psychological association or, in the case of an independent school psychologist or school psychologist or a licensed psychologist with a school psychology specialty, by the state board of education, the Ohio school psychologists association, or the national association of school psychologists;

(2) Completion of the program or course is recorded with the Ohio psychological association or the Ohio school psychologists association in accordance with rules adopted by the state board of psychology in accordance with division (A) of this section.

The state board of psychology may disapprove any program or course that has been approved by the Ohio psychological association, Ohio association of black psychologists, American psychological association, state board of education, Ohio school psychologists association, or national association of school psychologists. Such program or course may not be applied to meet the requirement of division (A) of this section.

(C) Each license holder shall be given a sufficient choice of continuing education programs or courses in psychology, including programs or courses on professional conduct and ethics when required under division (A)(2) of this section, to ensure that the license holder has had a reasonable opportunity to participate in programs or courses that are relevant to the license holder's practice in terms of subject matter and level.

(D) The board shall adopt rules providing for reductions of the hours of continuing psychology



education required by this section for license holders in their first registration period.

(E) Each license holder shall retain in the license holder's records for at least three years the receipts, vouchers, or certificates necessary to document completion of continuing psychology education. Proof of continuing psychology education recorded with the Ohio psychological association or the Ohio school psychologists association in accordance with the procedures established pursuant to division (A) of this section shall serve as sufficient documentation of completion. With cause, the board may request the documentation from the license holder. The board may review any continuing psychology education records recorded by the Ohio psychological association or the Ohio school psychologists association.

(F) The board may excuse license holders, as a group or as individuals, from all or any part of the requirements of this section because of an unusual circumstance, emergency, or special hardship.

(G) The state board of psychology shall approve one or more continuing education courses of study that assist psychologists, independent school psychologists, and school psychologists in recognizing the signs of domestic violence and its relationship to child abuse. Psychologists, independent school psychologists, and school psychologists are not required to take the courses.

(H) The board may require a license holder to evidence completion of specific continuing education coursework as part of the process of registering or continuing to register a person working under the license holder's supervision under division (B) of section 4732.22 of the Revised Code and conducting psychological or psychological work or training supervision. Procedures for the completion, verification, and documentation of such continuing education shall be specified in rules adopted by the board. A license holder completing this continuing education may receive credit toward the four-hour requirement in division (A)(1) of this section during the next continuing education period following the completion of this continuing education.