

Senior Applicant Exam Criteria and Procedures

The ABRP Board recognizes that special circumstances may be present for rehabilitation psychologists who have been practicing in the field for many years. These “senior” applicants may not have access to their former professors/mentors who are no longer available to complete an Endorsement Form. In this circumstance use of alternatives such as a greater number of endorsements from colleagues, employers or supervisors may suffice.

In addition, senior applicants may have evolved to the point in their careers where they no longer provide direct services to clients. If such applicants are serving solely in an administrative, management or research capacity, attaining board certification in rehabilitation psychology may not be possible. It should be emphasized that board certification is a reflection of clinical competence in the field. However, there are many instances where senior applicants are directly supervising students or other providers. In this circumstance, they may meet the Functional Competencies through displaying their clinical competencies through the supervision of other providers.

If you consider yourself a senior candidate, you are encouraged to contact the ABRP Secretary directly and discuss your situation. While senior candidates are expected to meet all of the credentialing requirements, including all of the competencies, there may be creative methods to accomplish this goal. The application and examination timelines described under the Exam Overview section in the Candidate’s Manual also apply to senior candidates.