

American Board of Clinical Psychology

The American Board of Clinical Psychology (ABCP) is a member specialty board of the American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP). The ABCP is responsible for establishing criteria related to the definition, education, training, competencies, and the examination leading to certification as a specialist in Clinical Psychology. The ABCP is governed by board certified clinical psychologists that serve as officers of the board.



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BOARD CERTIFIED PSYCHOLOGIST





Board Certification in Clinical Psychology

Board certification assures that the Clinical Specialist has successfully completed the education, training, and experience requirements of the specialty including a peer-reviewed, performance-based examination designed to assess the competencies required to provide quality services in Clinical Psychology.

Specialty certification is understood to reflect an advanced level of competence that is higher than what is required by state licensure.

Clinical Psychology

Clinical Psychology is both a general practice and a health service provider specialty in professional psychology. Clinical Psychologists provide professional services related to the diagnosis, assessment, evaluation, treatment, and prevention of psychological, emotional, psychophysiological, and behavioral disorders in individuals across the lifespan.

These services include procedures for understanding, predicting, and alleviating intellectual, emotional, physical, and psychological distress, social and behavioral maladjustment, and mental illness, as well as other forms of discomfort. In addition, clinical psychology includes services for the enhancement of functioning in all of these areas. Clinical psychologists may provide services directly or support and facilitate the provision of services through supervision, teaching, management, administration, advocacy and similar roles.

Clinical Psychology Board Certification Requirements

- ◆ Thorough review of training history and credentials that includes an initial review by ABPP and then a more stringent review by ABCP.
- ◆ Evaluation of work samples to assess performance across eight foundational competencies and three functional competencies.
- ◆ An oral exam conducted by a committee of board certified psychologists to ensure the examinee can demonstrate proficiency as a specialist, including their ability to demonstrate ethical and culturally competent practice that is informed by relevant research.

