

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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GETTING BOARD CERTIFIED

DOCTORAL STUDENTS & EARLY CAREER PSYCHOLOGISTS





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.

Early Career Application

ABPP recognizes the importance of Early Career Psychologists (ECP) to the future of the profession and has provided a discount to those psychologists.

When you fill out the "Year of Doctoral Degree" on the application, if you qualify for the ECP application (<10 yrs.), it will automatically charge you the **discount rate of \$65**.

Early Entry Application

To qualify, applicant must NOT be currently licensed as a psychologist at the independent, doctoral level, must either be a student in, or have graduated from, an APA or CPA accredited or ASPPB/NR Designated doctoral program in psychology. If you qualify, you can receive a **discount rate of \$25**.

START NOW!

You can initiate an application for ABPP board certification online at www.abpp.org. As you earn your degree, complete internship, complete postdoctoral training, and obtain licensure you can continue the application process.

Start your commitment to demonstrating a higher level of competence now.

Steps to Clinical Psychology Board Certification

1. **Credential Review:** a thorough review of training history and credentials that includes an initial review by ABPP and then a more stringent review by ABCP.
2. **Practice Sample:** evaluation of work samples to assess performance across eight foundational competencies and three functional competencies.
3. **Oral Examination:** 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.

