



**IDFPR**  
Illinois Department of  
Financial and Professional Regulation  
Division of Professional Regulation

# **Qualifications for**

## **Licensure:**

**PRESCRIBING**

**PSYCHOLOGIST**

**(074)**

**PRESCRIBING PSYCHOLOGIST**

**CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

**(374)**

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# READ ME FIRST

The Division of Professional Regulation hopes that you will find the below useful in successfully applying for a license in the State of Illinois. Carefully review this information as it will assist you in applying for your license and eliminate any processing delays.

## Important:

- An application is active for three years from the date of receipt by the Department.
- Before contacting the Department, please [review our FAQs](#) for answers to most questions.
- If your question is not addressed in our FAQ's, please contact the Department at 1-800-560-6420.

## LICENSE QUALIFICATIONS

One must hold active Illinois Licensed Clinical Psychologist licensure.

## Education:

- [Rules 68 IAC Section 1400.200\(a\)\(2\)](#) addresses the education requirements for licensure.
- One must complete specific undergraduate biomedical prerequisite coursework including at least 3 semester hours or quarter hours equivalent in each of the following areas:
  - Medical Terminology (class or proficiency)
  - Chemistry or Biochemistry with lab (2 semesters)
  - Human Physiology
  - Human Anatomy
  - Anatomy and Physiology
  - Microbiology with lab
  - General Biology for science majors or Cell and Molecular Biology
- One must complete a minimum of 60 graduate level didactic semester hours including at least 3 semester hours or quarter hours equivalent in each of the following areas:
  - Pharmacology
  - Clinical Psychopharmacology
  - Clinical Anatomy and Integrated Science
  - Patient Evaluation
  - Advanced Physical Assessment
  - Research Methods
  - Advanced Pathophysiology
  - Diagnostic Methods
  - Problem Based Learning
  - Clinical and Procedural Skills

## Training:

- [Rules 68 IAC Section 1400.220](#) addresses the Clinical Rotations requirements.
- Applicants must complete a full-time practicum of 14 months supervised clinical training including a research project. The experience must be supervised by a Licensed Clinical Psychologist.
- The Clinical Rotations program must include the following rotations:
  - Emergency Medicine
  - Family Medicine
  - Geriatrics
  - Internal Medicine
  - Obstetrics and Gynecology
  - Pediatrics
  - Psychiatry
  - Surgery
  - One Elective
- The Clinical Rotations shall be completed either within the parameters of an American Psychological Association (APA) or equivalent approved doctoral program or pre-doctoral program, or during a post-doctoral master's program in clinical psychopharmacology. The training program must be housed in an institution that is accredited by a regional accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

## Examination:

- [Rules 68 IAC Section 1400.200\(a\)\(3\)](#) addresses the examination requirements for licensure.
- The **Psychopharmacology Examination for Psychologists (PEP)** administered by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) is required.
- IDFPR approval is NOT required to register for the exam.
- One should pass the exam before applying for Illinois Prescribing Psychologist licensure.

### **Written Collaborative Agreements and Prescriptive Authority:**

- [Rules 68 IAC Section 1400.240](#) addresses Written Collaborative Agreements.
- [Rules 68 IAC Section 1400.250](#) addresses Prescriptive Authority.
- A prescribing psychologist may only prescribe medication pursuant to the provisions of the Clinical Psychologist Licensing Act (225 ILCS 15/) and Rules 68 IAC Section 1400 if the prescribing psychologist:
  - Continues to hold a current license to practice psychology in Illinois.
  - Completes the required continuing education annually per Rules
  - Maintains a written collaborative agreement in accordance with Section 4.3 of the Act and Section 1400.240 of this Part. (Section 4.2 of the Act)

# REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

One must provide:

## Proof of Education:

- One must upload [form ED-RxPsy](#) to document minimum undergraduate biomedical prerequisite coursework AND graduate level didactic coursework as described in [Rules 68 IAC Section 1400.200\(a\)\(2\)](#).
- A separate [ED-RxPsy form](#) for each university or institution where the coursework was completed.

## Proof of Training:

- One must upload evidence of completing a Clinical Training experience of at least 14 months full time as outlined in [Rules 68 IAC Section 1400.220](#). [Form TN-PSY](#) has been prepared for this purpose.
- If the clinical rotations program is not approved by the American Psychological Association (APA), the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA), the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing for the Advanced Nurse Practitioner (ACEN), or the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), applicants will be directed to provide evidence that the program meets the requirements of [Rules 68 IAC Section 1400.220\(b\)\(1-8\)](#).

## Proof of Examination:

One must contact **the** Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) to make arrangements for an **Official Psychopharmacology Examination for Psychologists (PEP) Score Transfer** to be provided directly to IDFPR from ASPPB. One will be prompted to upload proof of ordering the official score report from ASPPB or confirmation of delivery to IDFPR.

## Prescribing Psychologist Controlled Substances Applicants:

### Notice of Prescriptive Authority from a Collaborating Physician

[Form PP-CS](#) must be uploaded to provide notice of delegated prescriptive authority for controlled substances for prescribing psychologists. [Rules 68 IAC Section 1400.250](#) addresses Prescriptive Authority. [Rules 68 IAC Section 1400.240](#) addresses Written Collaborative Agreements.

## Applicants licensed in another state must also provide:

### Certification of Licensure from the other state/US jurisdiction.

Certification of Licensure is detailed information about the license such as: status, issue and expiration date, and whether the license has been disciplined. The other state board or agency provides the information and *certifies* that it is true and correct as of a specific date. You may use [form CT](#) to request Certification of Licensure from the other state board. Most states have their own format for this information. IDFPR will accept other states' formats if it contains the required minimum information. If the Certification is only

available online, you may print the online certification/verification and upload it. If the other state board will only send the certification directly to IDFPR, you will need to upload evidence of ordering the certification or confirmation of delivery to IDFPR.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ONCE LICENSED**

- All Illinois Prescribing Psychologist licenses expire September 30 of even years. The first licensure period may be less than 2 years. After the first renewal, the licensure cycle is 2 years. No Continuing Education is required for the first renewal.
- It is your responsibility to update your contact information including email address with the Department to ensure that you receive all courtesy renewal email reminders and other notifications.