

WV BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

DEMONSTRABLE COMPETENCY FORM – SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

Name of Candidate: _____ Degree: _____ Date: _____
(Please Print)

Instructions:

1. Candidates for licensure (Supervised School Psychologists) shall complete this form and have it reviewed and cosigned by the supervisor(s).
2. The candidate and supervisor shall produce a final copy of the Demonstrable Competency Form (DCF) upon which they both are in agreement.
3. The primary purpose of this form is for candidates to communicate to the Board the areas of practice in which they are competent, and those areas of school psychology in which they will, and will not, practice.
4. If candidates indicate they are competent in specific areas of school psychology, they are expected to provide evidence of that competency. This may be done on this application and at the oral examination via work products, oral examination responses, or documentation of educational and training background.
5. It is especially important that the work product samples are consistent with competency declarations. For example, if assessment is the **only** area of practice being declared as a competency, then all three work products should be test reports.

Supervision:

The candidate's supervisors of record have been:

Supervisor	From	To

Procedure: To indicate that the candidate is competent to practice school psychology in any of the following specific competency domains, the candidate and supervisor will place their initials in the appropriate boxes. When the candidate and supervisor place their initials on this form they are asserting that the candidate is competent to **independently** practice in these specific areas of school psychology. The **supervisors are certifying that they have supervised the candidate in these specific areas when they initial competency areas.**

Competency means that the candidate possesses the ability and skills to independently, proficiently, and competently practice in the specific area of school psychology without supervision.

Knowledge Area Ratings
Areas of Specific Education, Training, AND Supervised Experience.

Knowledge Category	Candidate is Competent To: Supervisors and Candidate Must Initial	
	Practice	Supervise
1. Behavior Assessment: Various techniques including interviewing, observational, and data collecting.		
2. Theories and Principles. Relevant to identifying a student's need and problem: Principles of human growth and development, theories of personality and socio-emotional factors, theories of intelligence and ability factors, and psychopathology.		
3. Factors Affecting Behavior: Cultural and individual differences, motivation, organizational structures and processes, cultural interventions.		
4. Psychosomatic: Symptoms of common physical diseases and psychosomatic reactions and syndromes.		
5. Effects of Major Psychotropic Medications: On behavior, affect, and cognition.		
6. Test and Measurement Techniques and Instruments: Assessing/measuring relevant characteristics using appropriate tests and instruments of achievement, personality, neuropsychological issues, social maturity, development and adaptive behavior, self-concept, attitude, mental ability, intellectual functioning, and low incident populations.		
7. Test and Measurement Concepts: Standardized test procedures, methods of test construction, standardization and norming, test performance.		
8. Diagnostic Classifications: Knowledge of current diagnostic classification system as contained in the current Diagnostic and Statistical Manual.		
9. Differential Diagnosis: Ability to formulate differential diagnoses of mental disorders.		
10. Treatment Planning: Ability to formulate and implement treatment plans for individual students and their families (e.g. IEP/Behavioral Plans).		
11. Ethics: Knowledge of, and acting within, the APA Ethics Code and Principles, NASP Ethics Code, and the WV Rules and Regulations of Licensed Psychologists.		
12. Social System Skills: Consultation.		
13. Report Writing: Ability to communicate progress, treatment, and assessment results and recommendations via written reports.		

14. Research and Review of Current Literature: Keeping up to date as a trained and knowledgeable consumer of relevant literature and research results.		
15. Other: Please list only areas with specific education, training, and supervised experience.		

The Candidate is competent to practice in these practice domains:	
Skill Areas	List: 1. Grade, or Age Range, (e.g. K-2 grade or 3-5 years); 2. Frequently Used Tests and Measures or Therapy Models; and 3. Specific relevant graduate coursework.
Developmental Assessment	
Intellectual Assessment	
Academic Assessment	
Personality Assessment	
Behavioral and/or Social Emotional Assessment	
Individual Counseling in School Setting	
Family Counseling in School Setting	
Group Counseling in School Setting	

Behavioral Interventions	
In-School Crisis Intervention	
Consultation	
Risk Assessment	
Program Evaluation and/or Program Development	
College and Career Counseling	
Other: <hr/>	

Assessment/Treatment Populations – Initial if These Apply			
Areas	Assessment	Treatment	Grade or Age Range
ADD/ADHD			
Affective Disorder			
Alcohol or Drug Dependency			
Anxiety Disorder			
Autism			
Blindness and Low Vision			
Deaf or Hard of Hearing			
Developmental Delay			
Emotional/Behavioral Disorder			
Gifted			
Orthopedically Impaired			
Other Health Impairment			
Sexual Abuse/Physical Abuse			
Specific Learning Disability			
Speech Language Impairments			
Traumatic Brain Injury			

Other: Specify			
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Strengths and Weaknesses

The Candidate's Particular Clinical and Professional Strengths

To be Completed by the Supervisor or the Reciprocity Candidate

The Candidate's Particular Clinical and Professional Weaknesses

To be Completed by the Supervisor or the Reciprocity Candidate

SUPERVISION OF LICENSURE CANDIDATES

Supervision is an area of competence requiring training and substantial professional experience beyond initial licensure. New Level I licensees will not be permitted to supervise candidates for licensure. Two (2) years of practice experience post licensure will be required prior to consideration for eligibility to supervise in addition to 14 hours of continuing education in supervision or a graduate course in supervision.

- 1) ☐ As a NEW LICENSEE, I realize I will not be approved to supervise candidates for licensure for two years after the date I am licensed. I know this does not prohibit me from performing other types of supervision, i.e.: supervising interns for educational purposes.
- 2) ☐ As a RECIPROCITY CANDIDATE, I have described below the coursework, training and/or supervised experience in supervision I have had, as well as any other professional experience that has prepared me for the role and responsibilities of supervision.

COMMITMENT TO DECLARATION OF COMPETENCY

Supervisor:

"I have reviewed this form and attest that _____ is competent to practice in the specific area(s) of school psychology indicated above.

Printed name of Supervisor: _____

Supervisor's Signature

Date

Candidate:

I have completed this form in consultation with my supervisor and promise that I shall only practice in the specific areas of school psychology in which I have declared competency. I realize that if I practice in other areas of school psychology without Board approval, my licensure status will be placed in jeopardy. If I decide to expand my practice to other areas of school psychology I shall notify the Board in writing of these intentions and shall meet with the Board prior to initiating the changes, if requested, to demonstrate my competency and will provide documentation of training completed toward acquisition of that competency.

Printed name of candidate: _____

Candidate's Signature

Date