

Board of Allied Mental Health Practitioners
Policy on Supervised Practice
Credit for Registration as a Psychological Trainee

Vermont Law requires that any person engaged in supervised practice in Vermont toward licensure as a clinical mental health counselor, marriage and family therapist must be registered on the Roster of non-licensed and non-certified psychotherapists. The purpose of this requirement is to ensure that those individuals are accountable to the Board for any unprofessional conduct and to ensure that they comply with disclosure requirements of the rules.

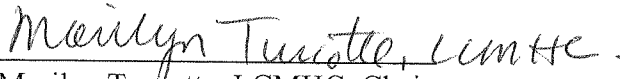
An application to this Board from an individual who had originally considered licensure as a psychologist and was properly registered as a "psychological trainee" through the Board of Psychological Examiners raises the question: "Can an applicant's supervised practice while registered as a psychological trainee be counted toward licensure as a clinical mental health counselor or marriage and family therapist?" To answer this question, the Board adopts the following policy:

26 V.S.A. § 3265(2) and Board rule 4.16 require registration on the roster of non-licensed and non-certified psychotherapists before supervised practice may begin. Similarly, 26 V.S.A. § 3001(12) requires registration with the Board of Psychological Examiners before supervised practice toward licensure as a psychologist may begin. The Board considers the two registration requirements to serve the same goals: setting standards for disclosure of qualifications and disciplinary information and providing for regulatory oversight and accountability.

Since all persons engaged in supervised practice must be registered and under the jurisdiction of either the Board of Allied Mental Health Practitioners or the Board of Psychological Examiners, the Board adopts the following policy:

Supervised practice as a psychological trainee properly registered with the Board of Psychological Examiners, which meets all other requirements of the Rules of the Board of Allied mental health practitioners is acceptable and may be counted toward licensure as a clinical mental health counselor or marriage and family therapist.

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