

(what's)the big idea(?):

get certified

The **clearest** and **most responsible** way for a psychologist to represent herself/himself to the public, third-parties, and the profession as a specialist is to be certified through an organized peer process as meeting the standards and demonstrating the competencies required in the specialty. ABPP is the only non-profit professional unitary organization with multiple specialty board quality controls recognized by the profession as certifying specialty practitioners in psychology.



1 apply

initiate an application for ABPP board certification by submitting the materials to the central office

2 generic credentials review

the ABPP central office ensures that you have met all the generic criteria and have the appropriate licensure for certification

3 specialty credentials review

the application is sent to the appropriate specialty board to ensure that your credentials meet all the specialty-specific criteria for your chosen specialty

4 practice samples

submit practice samples representative of your work and competency

*please note that the forensic and clinical neuropsychology boards require a written exam at this point

5 oral exam

sit for an oral exam with examiners in your chosen specialty

6 get certified

join the ranks of many of your colleagues as board certified through ABPP, and display your diploma with pride

many settings provide for salary increases and advancement if ABPP certified

checklist basics:

- a doctoral degree from an APA/CPA accredited or ASPPB/NR designated program
- licensure as a psychologist at the independent doctoral level
- APA/CPA accredited internship or equivalent year of supervised experience

core competencies in psychology

functional:

assessment
intervention
consultation
research evaluation
supervision
teaching
management/administration
advocacy

foundational:

relationships
individual and cultural diversity
ethical and legal standards
professionalism
reflective practice/self-assessment/self-care
scientific knowledge and methods
interdisciplinary systems
evidence-based practice