



Notes from the College August 18, 2015

Purpose: To provide information to members about professional regulation, the functions of the College and its committees, practice guidelines and practice advisories. Each email will highlight one committee, one professional practice guideline, and one practice advisory. Committee highlights will give you some idea of what kind of commitment a member makes to serve on a committee, or council. For additional committee information please contact the College office.

The Oral Examination Committee (OEC): The OEC has been delegated the authority to develop standards and procedures for conducting oral examinations and to organize and deliver those examinations, ensuring that the process is transparent, fair and defensible.

Professional Practice Guidelines:

This is a 74 page document you must read. The guidelines can be found under the “Member Information” tab, at the bottom of the menu list. Here is one guideline.

Practice Guidelines **9.4 “Misrepresentation of Affiliation”** and **9.7 Requirement for Credential Presentation”** both refer to how to present your qualifications as a member of the profession. This may be one of the most common reasons members come to the attention of the College. In general, you may only list the degree you obtained licensure with and your licensure title – either Registered Psychologist, or Registered Doctoral Psychologist, with the Provisional or Non-Practice disclaimer when appropriate. You may have membership in other organizations (e.g., PAS, CPA, CRHSPP) however these must not be added to your signature line. The exception to this would be a Diplomate status from the American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP). Members may specify other degrees or professional titles in their signature line only when the area of study is relevant to the member’s practice as a Psychologist. The purpose of these guidelines is to minimize confusion for the public and to ensure accuracy in presentation of one’s qualifications as a Psychologist.

Practice Advisory:

Areas of Practice Competency Claim: This advisory explains what it means to declare a competency. Competency declaration is self-reported – the test comes if a complaint arises and you must defend your claim of competency. Competency declaration is a practice limitation – not declaration of a specialty. If you declared School Psychology but not Health and Rehabilitation Psychology and then started working in a physical rehabilitation setting, you need to submit a request for an addition of a competency to the College or an organized plan (incl. supervision) for how the competency will be gained and subsequently claimed. In the request you must indicate the rationale for the addition and all supporting documentation. Competency claims should be consistent with one’s training, supervision and experience. The request is reviewed by the Registrar and/or the Registration Committee.

Cheers,

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