

The Kentucky Board of Examiners of Psychology is frequently asked whether a curriculum from a specific degree-granting program will meet requirements for licensure. The only time the Board will review a curriculum is when it is included (along with official transcripts and the curriculum guidelines form) as part of the application materials for licensure.

The Board is also frequently asked whether a degree from an “on-line” university would be acceptable for licensure. For doctoral level candidates, this answer is found in 201 KAR 26:200, which defines terms used by the Board of Examiners of Psychologists for meeting educational requirements for licensure as a licensed psychologist.

Section 2 of this regulation states in part:

Section 2. (1) In determining the acceptability of curricular experiences and course work, the following factors shall be considered:

- (a) The curriculum shall encompass a minimum of three (3) academic years of full-time graduate study.
- (b) A minimum of one (1) full academic year shall be spent in residence at the institution.

The “minimum of one full academic year shall be spent in residence at the institution” requires the candidate to have spent one year minimum on a physical campus, with physical classrooms, where students actually share the same space.

For master's level candidates for licensure as a psychological associate, 201 KAR 26:210 defines terms used by the Board of Examiners of Psychologists for meeting educational requirements for licensure. However, this regulation does not specify residency requirements. As of July, 2012, the Kentucky Board of Examiners is in the process of changing the KY administrative regulations to make the “residency” requirement consistent between the administrative regulations for both doctoral and master prepared candidates.