

## California Credentialing of School Psychologists

**Purpose:** This document is intended to provide additional information regarding the credentialing of non-California trained school psychologists for California Credentials .

**Disclosure:** CASP is not a governing agency and final decisions will be made by the California Teaching Commission (CTC) and policies and procedures are subject to change.

### **Out of State Credentials:**

Individuals who were trained outside of California in the US have the option to apply directly to the commission if they have completed all of the components required in CA.

- NASP Accredited Programs: Individuals who have attended NASP Accredited Programs will traditionally meet California requirements for credentialing and individuals can apply directly to the commission.
  - [List of Approved Programs](#)
- Non-NASP Approved Universities: Individuals will need to meet the required coursework for California. Programs that are not aligned with California state standards will need to be verified to determine if the coursework meets CA requirements. If missing component individuals may:
  - Contact the university where they attended for the transcript review to show which courses would meet the California Requirements. This is then admitted to the state.
  - Contact a California School Psychology program to see if they will do a transcript review.
  - If the individual does not meet all of CA requirements they will need to enroll in a California School Psychology Program to complete the required classes.
  - All programs in California have the authority to evaluate and accept course work that has been outside CA and grant equivalency.
  - Contact a Local Education Agency for transcript review.
- Interstate Reciprocity
  - Since California provides credentialing pathways and more restrictive standards an interstate reciprocity agreement is unlikely

**Out of Country Credential:** There is currently no pathway for out of country credentialed school psychologists.

- It is recommended that applicants enroll in a California School Psychology Program to determine equivalency of classes and complete any requirements that were not obtained in their original program.
- California currently does not have anything in the law related to out of country applicants and are unable to do program reviews.

**Out of State Internships:**

- Out of State Interns applying to California will need to coordinate with a Local Education Agency. This may require a MOU with a university and district to agree to California state training.
  - Districts may not be able to agree on MOUs with out of state universities depending on the requirements of the district and/or university.
  - An internship credential will then need to be obtained with the CTC prior to the intern working in a California school.
  - It may be easier for an intern to complete their program out of state and then apply as an out of state credentialed school psychologist.
  
- **Military Pathway**
  - A trailer bill was added July 1, 2023 to allow the issuance of a 2 year credential. Individuals on military orders in California would not need to follow the traditional pathway to credentialing.
  - If they will be staying in California they will need to follow the traditional pathway to gain a credential within those 2 years.
  - [SB 114 \(Section 33\)](#)
  
- **Mental Health**
  - There are some sections of the regulations to be able to provide mental health related services without a PPS credential if licensed but under the classified category.

**Resources**

General Email

[Education Career Counseling](#)

[AB 114 - Special Education Transition](#)

[Military and Dependent Spouse Teaching and Services Credential Mobility](#)

