



Roadmap to licensure

Clinical psychologist

This is general information to help guide you. The order of events and state requirements may differ for each applicant.

Academic degree
granted



Accreditation & approval

Choose a program with the appropriate accreditation and state approval.

Academic coursework

Complete coursework that matches state content area requirements.

Fieldwork

Complete a practicum and/or internship.

Dissertation

Exams & fees

Pass national and/or state-specific exams before or after the degree is granted.

Supervised post-degree experience hours (1–2 years)

Board application

Apply after all post-degree hours are completed.

Background check

Pass a personal/criminal background check to meet state requirements.

Independent
practice



License granted

Continuing education & fees

Keep your license up-to-date by completing any continuing education courses and paying required fees for license renewal.

Licensure could be called something else in your state such as a certification, endorsement, or registration. State licensing boards review each applicant's completed education, exam scores, supervised experience, criminal history, and application materials at the time of license application to determine eligibility. Capella University cannot guarantee licensure, it is your responsibility to ensure that you meet all of your state's requirements.



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