

Arizona Board of Psychologist Examiners

Substantive Policy Statement SP.01-17

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Calculation of Face-to-Face Patient-Client Contact for Supervised Preinternship Hours

Pursuant to A.R.S. 32-2071(D)(1), applicants for licensure may request to apply supervised preinternship professional experience hours to meet the 3,000 hours of supervised professional work experience required for licensure. To apply hours obtained through supervised preinternship professional experience, A.R.S. §32-2071(E)(4)(b) requires:

4. Every twenty hours of supervised preinternship professional experience must include:
 - b. At least twenty-five percent of the supervised preinternship professional experience must be devoted to face-to-face patient-client contact.

Many applicants for licensure submit applications that include preinternship hours obtained from multiple training sites. In some instances, an applicant may report less than 25 percent face-to-face patient contact hours at one or more sites, but more than 25 percent face-to-face patient contact at other sites. This substantive policy statement is

written to clarify that the Board accepts a calculation of the total number of face-to-face patient contact based on the aggregate number of hours applied toward licensure across multiple preinternship training sites. For example, if an applicant applies 1,000 hours of preinternship hours toward licensure, the applicant would need a total of 250 (25%) hours across all preinternship training sites. Similarly, if an applicant applies 1,500 hours of preinternship hours toward licensure, the applicant would need a total of 375 hours (25%) across all preinternship training experiences.