



# Board Bulletin

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## 2015 Spring Update

Greetings Licensees, Residents, and Certificate Holders:

Welcome to the first edition of the Virginia Board of Psychology's e-newsletter. The newsletter has been revitalized to keep you better informed of regulatory changes that may impact you and your practice.

### Highlights from the last Board meeting:

**Legislation.** During the 2015 General Assembly Session, legislators determined it was in the best interest of practitioners and the public to allow the Board of Psychology to carry-over a portion of continuing education hours from one renewal cycle to another as appropriate. This change will not impact the upcoming renewals for July 1, 2015 but rather those licensees seeking to carryover hours for the 2017 renewal period. You will receive an update on these changes as soon as more information is available.

**Workforce Concerns.** The Board uses data collected by the Department of Health Professions (DHP) Healthcare Workforce Data Center (HWDC) through voluntary surveys conducted during licensure renewal. DHP HWDC captures supply side workforce habits and preferences to paint an accurate portrait of Virginia's psychology workforce. The Board reviewed the 2014 workforce survey results and was provided information on tools available through the HWDC to guide students interested in careers in the healthcare workforce.

**Regulatory Committee.** The Regulatory Committee plans to meet before the May board meeting to focus on the competency of practitioners who provide psychological evaluations and to continue ongoing discussion regarding distance therapy.

**Education Standards.** The Board discussed "curriculum gaps" experienced by applicants who did not complete an APA approved program and recognizes that such applicants often experience difficulty in obtaining the necessary coursework outside of their graduate program.

## *Useful Links:*

- [License Lookup](#)
- [Recent Case Decisions](#)
- [Laws and Regulations](#)
- [Guidance Documents](#)

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## Special Message from the Executive Director

It is bittersweet for me to inform you that I will be leaving my role as Executive Director of the Board on March 27th to pursue a new healthcare leadership role in the private sector. I have worked with many of you over the years in your journey towards licensure, as you supervised others, and became affiliated with educational programs and professional associations. Together we have successfully met many challenges, learned much, and encouraged one another. As a result, I know that I am leaving you all in good hands. We have an excellent Board who will provide outstanding direction and guidance, seasoned board staff, and innovative DHP leadership. I will miss you all.



Catherine Chappell

## Upcoming Meetings

April 17, 2015—Conversation with the Board  
at the VACP Spring Meeting in Virginia Beach

May 19, 2015—Board Meeting  
August 4, 2015—Board Meeting  
November 10, 2015—Board Meeting

## Renewal Time

Renewal time is rapidly approaching. Please be sure that the Board has your correct mailing address and email address. Should you need to change your status from Active to Inactive or Inactive to Active, please contact the board office for assistance.

Remember that you will be attesting to the completion of CE hours when you renew. You do not need to submit your CE documentation to the board office unless requested to do so.

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## Stay Connected with the Board

The Board of Psychology wants to stay connected with you. Here are opportunities for you to connect:

1. Review our website at [www.dhp.virginia.gov/psychology](http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/psychology)
2. Register as a public user at <http://townhall.virginia.gov/> to receive emails when updates for the Board of Psychology are posted.
3. Ask staff to present information to your groups on licensure or disciplinary matters, either by video teleconference or in person.
4. Attend board meetings, committee meetings, and disciplinary proceedings. Meetings are open to the public.