

Program	PhD in Clinical Psychology
Program Licensure Outcomes	The PhD program in Clinical Psychology at Vanderbilt University is accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA). Upon successful completion of the program and a year-long predoctoral internship, students are eligible to complete a year of postdoctoral training to accrue postdoctoral hours required by most state licensing boards. Individuals must also pass the national licensing exam (EPPP) and any exam specific to the state in which they wish to practice. Individuals must meet state regulations for the state in which they wish to practice. Compliance with state regulatory requirements is mandatory, and the only avenue towards legal practice as a licensed psychologist.
Program Regulated by every state licensure / certification board	The table below outlines our understanding of how well our program aligns with the educational requirements for licensure in US states, territories, and the District of Columbia.
More information	The Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB; https://www.asppb.net/page/psybook) supplies updated information relative to individual state regulations, as does each individual state's licensing board.
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Vanderbilt University endeavors to ensure jurisdictional (state, territory, District of Columbia) licensure or certification information is current; however, requirements may change. If you are planning to pursue professional licensure or certification, it is strongly recommended that you contact the appropriate licensing entity in that jurisdiction to seek information and guidance regarding licensure or certification requirements before beginning an academic program.

For more information on licensing requirements, including contact information for every state and territory licensing board, please see the Association of State Boards of Professional Psychology (ASBPP) webpage [\[link\]](#). All states require the completion of supervised predoctoral practicum hours and a predoctoral internship. These aspects are also required for the doctoral degree in clinical psychology at Vanderbilt University. In addition to education requirements for the doctoral degree, most jurisdictions require post-doctoral professional experience. These requirements are beyond the curricular requirements described below.

Note that in some jurisdictions, in addition to being licensed as psychologist, an individual can obtain prescribing privileges. Vanderbilt University's program does NOT fulfill requirements for licensure as prescribing psychologists in those states and jurisdictions that allow for it. Typically, additional coursework in pharmacology is needed in addition to the doctoral degree. Please see the ASBPP website for information about other U.S. territories and Canadian provinces.

Below, an asterisk (*) indicates that earning a doctoral degree from a program accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA) satisfies educational requirements for applying for licensure. Vanderbilt University is currently accredited by APA and we produce graduates who are successfully licensed in many states, and to our knowledge no graduate of our program has been turned down for licensure due to insufficiencies in the education or training that we provide. Some states do have additional training and education requirements.

Below is a state by state listing of our recent understanding of educational requirements based largely on the annual review by ASPPB to give you a general idea of how well the Vanderbilt University (VU) program comports with the educational requirements of each jurisdiction. You should directly check the web sites of the State Licensing Board you are interested in for the most accurate and up-to-date information on educational and other requirements for licensure as there is no guarantee that our summary or ASPPB's is entirely accurate and up-to-date.

	VU Program Satisfies Educational Requirements for professional licensure or certification in this state or territory?			
State	Meets the Educational Requirements	Does NOT meet the Educational Requirements	Have Not Made a Determination	State Professional Association or License Authority and Notes
Alabama	X*			http://www.psychology.alabama.gov/default.aspx
Alaska	X*			https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardofPsychologists.aspx
Arizona	X*			https://psychboard.az.gov/
Arkansas	X*			https://psychologyboard.arkansas.gov/
California		X		https://www.psychology.ca.gov/ Although a doctoral degree from an accredited program like VU is needed, additional coursework or experience, potentially beyond what is offered at VU, in the following areas are also required: Suicide Risk Assessment and Intervention, Human Sexuality, Child Abuse Assessment, Alcohol and Other Chemical Substance Dependence Detection, Spousal or Partner Abuse/Detection/Intervention, Aging and Long-Term Care. Those interested in pursuing licensure in California should work with the program to identify electives or other community training experiences that may assist in preparing for licensure.
Colorado	X*			https://dpo.colorado.gov/Psychology
Connecticut	X*			https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Public-Health-Hearing-Office/Board-of-Examiners-of-Psychologists/Board-of-Examiners-of-Psychologists
Delaware	X*			https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/psychology/
District of Columbia	X*			https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/psychology-licensing
Florida	X*			https://floridaspsychology.gov/
Georgia	X			https://sos.ga.gov/index.php/licensing/plb/44
Hawaii	X*			http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/psychology/
Idaho	X*			https://ibol.idaho.gov/IBOL/BoardPage.aspx?Bureau=PSY
Illinois	X*			https://www.idfpr.com/profs/psych.asp
Indiana	X*			https://www.in.gov/pla/psych.htm
Iowa	X*			https://www.idph.iowa.gov/Licensure/Iowa-Board-of-Psychology
Kansas	X*			https://ksbsrb.ks.gov/
Kentucky	X			http://psy.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx
Louisiana	X			http://www.lsbep.org/
Maine	X*			https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/psychologists/
Maryland	X*			https://health.maryland.gov/psych/Pages/Home.aspx

Massachusetts	X*			https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-registration-of-psychologists
Michigan		X		https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-89334_72600_72603_27529_27552---,00.html Although a doctoral degree from an accredited program like VU is needed, additional pre-licensure training in identifying victims of human trafficking that meets standards of Administrative Rule 338.2525 is required (as of 4/1/22). Those interested in pursuing licensure in Michigan should work with the program to identify experiences to meet this requirement.
Minnesota	X*			http://www.psychologyboard.state.mn.us/
Mississippi	X*			https://www.psychologyboard.ms.gov/Pages/default.aspx
Missouri	X*			https://pr.mo.gov/psychologists.asp
Montana	X*			http://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/psy
Nebraska	X*			http://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Psychology.aspx
Nevada	X*			http://psyexam.nv.gov/
New Hampshire	X*			https://www.oplc.nh.gov/psychologists/
New Jersey		X		https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/psy/ NJ requires 6 doctoral credit hours in <i>each</i> of the following domains: 1) Personality Theory and Human Development Theory; 2) Learning Theory and/or Physiological Psychology; 3) Psychological Measurement and Psychological Assessment; 4) Psychopathology; 5) Psychological therapy/counseling or Industrial/Organizational Psychology; and 6) Research and Statistical Design. Graduates of VU's program may need an additional 3 credit hours of coursework in personality theory/human development and 3 additional hours in psychopathology. Those interested in pursuing licensure in New Jersey should work with the program to identify electives or other experiences that may assist in preparing for licensure.
New Mexico	X*			http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/Psychologist_Examiners.aspx
New York	X*			http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/psych/ NY requires 2 hours of training in child abuse identification and reporting for psychologists and other health care professionals, but not as a part of graduate training. This can be completed after conferral of the PhD via online options or various NY providers as listed here: http://www.op.nysed.gov/training/camemo.htm#
North Carolina	X*			http://www.ncpsychologyboard.org/
North Dakota	X*			http://ndsbpe.org/index.html
Ohio	X*			https://psychology.ohio.gov/
Oklahoma	X			https://www.ok.gov/psychology/
Oregon	X*			https://www.oregon.gov/psychology/pages/index.aspx
Pennsylvania	X*			https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Psychology/Pages/default.aspx#.VgG6GN9VhBc
Rhode Island	X*			https://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=241
South Carolina	X*			https://lfr.sc.gov/psych/
South Dakota	X*			https://dss.sd.gov/licensingboards/psych/psych.aspx
Tennessee	X*			https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/psychology-board/psych-board/about.html
Texas	X			http://www.tsbep.texas.gov/index.php
Utah	X*			https://dopl.utah.gov/psych/index.html

Vermont	X*			https://sos.vermont.gov/
Virginia	X*			http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/psychology/
Washington	X*			https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/Psychologist.aspx
West Virginia	X			https://psychbd.wv.gov/Pages/default.aspx
Wisconsin	X			https://dsps.wi.gov/pages/Professions/Psychologist/Default.aspx
Wyoming	X*			https://psychology.wyo.gov/
Territories				
American Samoa			X	https://www.americansamoa.gov/
Federated States of Micronesia			X	Please review the Public Health, Safety and Welfare website for Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) for details about obtaining licensure
Guam			X	http://dphss.guam.gov/guam-board-of-allied-health-examiners/
Northern Mariana Islands			X	http://cnmibpl-hcplb.net/
Puerto Rico			X	http://www.salud.gov.pr/Dept-de-Salud/Pages/Unidades-Operacionales/Secretaria-Auxiliar-de-Reglamentacion-Acreditacion-de-Facilidades-de-Salud.aspx#conveniencia
Republic of Palau			X	Please review the Republic of Palau (PW) Ministry of Health website for details about obtaining licensure
Republic of the Marshall Islands			X	We were unable to locate contact information or professional credentialing information for this territory using an internet search. For more information about the licensing law in the Republic of Marshall Islands, please download a copy of the Marshall Islands Health Professional Licensing Act of 2009
US Virgin Islands			X	http://usvippsychologyboard.com/