

Iowa Board of Psychology  
Bureau of Professional Licensure Iowa Department of Public Health  
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Des Moines, Iowa 50319

September 21, 2021

Dear Iowa Board of Psychology Members:

I am writing to request that the Iowa Board of Psychology review and consider at the November 4, 2021 board meeting approval of my internship program, subsequent experience, and additional training as sufficient for meeting one of the two years of clinical experience required for eventual Health Service Provider certification, prior to receiving and reviewing my completed applications for Psychology Licensure and HSP certification.

I completed my 1800 hour predoctoral internship at the Mississippi Bend Area Education Agency in 2002-2003 with supervision provided by Dr. James McLallen, who was a licensed psychologist with health service provider certification (he is now retired). I received my Ph.D. in School Psychology from the University of Iowa in May 2004. The UI School Psychology program was APA-accredited during my time as a student. My predoctoral internship was non-APA/APPIC approved. However, the UI School Psychology program required me to submit extensive documentation regarding how my non-APPIC internship would be as similar to an APPIC internship experience and get approval from the program supervisor.

I am in my eleventh year working at Grant Wood AEA. My first six years I served as a building-based school psychologist. Since then, I have served as a behavior consultant on the Challenging Behavior Support Team. In July 2020, I became a board certified behavior analyst after completing a graduate certificate at Arizona State University, 1500 hours of supervision with Dr. Todd Kopelman at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics (UIHC) Department of Psychiatry, and passing the BACB exam.

Recently I have been talking with Dr. Kopelman about the possibility of completing a post-doctoral fellowship in the UIHC Department of Psychiatry and obtaining both my licensure as a psychologist and my HSP certification. After communicating with Ms. Sharon Dozier, I have started the application process for becoming a licensed psychologist. I am concerned about the application process for licensure and my ability to get HSP certification. In particular, I understand I need full board approval (and/or waiver approval) of my Organized Health Service Training form as one of the eligibility requirements for HSP certification upon completion of a post-doctoral fellowship at UIHC Department of Psychiatry. Because of this, I am requesting that the Board review and consider approving my internship program, experience, and subsequent training for both licensure and eventual HSP certification at the upcoming November 2021 board meeting. Once I complete the remaining licensure and HSP certification requirements (e.g., passing the EPPP, completing supervised hours), I would submit applications for final licensure approval.

While completing the petition for a waiver, I found two cases online of psychologists who have been granted a waiver for rule 645-240.7 Certified Health Service Provider in Psychology (see waiver petition). My training and experiences are similar to those cases. Additionally, my internship supervisor at Mississippi Bend AEA, Dr. Jim McLallen, noted that he also received special approval to get his HSP credential in Iowa after completing an internship in the school setting in 1983. Finally, the post-doctoral experience at the UIHC has a history of producing licensed psychologists with health service provider certification. More than 23 individuals completed the UIHC internship program prior to 2019. Consequently, almost all of these providers have since pursued their psychology license and health service provider certification and are practicing across the United States.

I am including files documenting my internship plan and approval by the UI School Psychology department, internship summary, Organized Health Services Training Confirmation Form, waiver petition, and future supervision plan with Dr. Kopelman. Please find the following files attached:

- 01\_GjerdeKempf Internship Plan Approval
- 02\_GjerdeKempf Internship Summary
- 03\_GjerdeKempf OHSPT Form Signed
- 04\_GjerdeKempf Supervision Plan - TK
- 05\_GjerdeKempf Waiver Petition

Please let me know if you have questions, need clarification, or want additional documentation. Additionally, Dr. McLallen and Dr. Kopelman have indicated their willingness to support this process. Their contact information is provided on the waiver petition.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Kari Gjerde-Kempf