

Development of Post-doctoral Residency Competency Domains Forensic Psychology

We completed the process of establishing our competencies entirely via email correspondence. To start, Dr. Hauser, Chair, circulated the documents that were sent to the specialty committees explaining what was being requested from the APA CoA. Of the 17 competency areas listed, we identified (that is, Dr. Kimberly Brown made a suggestion, and the rest of us, Dr. Steve Erickson, Dr. Antoinette Kavanaugh, and myself, concurred) 11 that were essential to our specialty. Next, we each grabbed 3 (or 2) areas and drafted 2-3 bullets for each area. Dr. Erickson had circulated a document from the American Board of Forensic Psychology, as they recently had revised their competency areas for post-docs as well. We relied heavily on this document in drafting the competencies. After each member had drafted their areas, we circulated the entire list to the group, and everyone commented on one another's bullets. We resolved any discrepancies (which were few) through further email communication, reviewed the list one more time to ensure everyone was satisfied, and sent it to the CoS-CoA competencies project leads for consideration.

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