

CoA Request for Level 3 Training Competencies Rehabilitation Psychology

The following documents the process in which the Rehabilitation Psychology Specialty Council (RPSC) engaged to fulfill the request from CoA to COS for Level 3 specialty training competencies

- Document received from COS requesting core, Level 3, specialty-specific postdoc training program exit competencies
- Notified the RPSC member organization's representatives of the request by highlighting its inclusion on the agenda of the upcoming RPSC annual meeting. Organizations included:
 - Academy of Rehabilitation Psychology
 - American Board of Rehabilitation Psychology
 - Council of Rehabilitation Psychology Postdoctoral Training Programs
 - Division 22 of the American Psychological Association
- Discussed the request at the RPSC annual meeting in February, 2017 and established a Work Group consisting of representatives from each RPSC member organization and invited others who had expertise in Rehabilitation Psychology curriculum and practice.
- RPSC Work Group met via conference call on several occasions during the months of March, April, May, and June. During these meetings, the following activities took place:
 - The group clarified which competency domains were requested/expected to have Level 3 competencies specified
 - Obtained and reviewed current practice competency documents (e.g., ABRP competencies, Baltimore Conference competencies, etc.) and, when available, copies of working documents of in-progress revision of practice competencies.
 - The domains for which Rehabilitation Psychology would submit core Level 3 exit training competencies was reach by consensus of the group.
 - The group developed a list of example competencies within each domain based on the previously reviewed practice competency materials
 - The following documents were distributed to the RPSC member organization's representatives on the Work Group: Letter from CoA to COS requesting the Level 3 competencies; the request from COS to its member Specialty Councils requesting the specialty-specific Level 3 competencies and specifying the structure and format of the competencies for submission and the time frame; and a summary of Bloom's taxonomy.
 - The member organization's representatives were requested to meet with their constituents, share the above three documents, and each develop Level 3 Rehabilitation Psychology-specific exit competencies within each of the agreed-upon domains. Constituent groups were free to use/edit items from the distributed examples and also to create new items they deemed essential for a domain.
 - Competencies developed by the constituent groups were collated and distributed to the RPSC Work Group for review.
 - The RPSC Work Group reviewed each item with occasional modification until consensus was reached that the item represented a core exit competency for postdoctoral specialty training in Rehabilitation Psychology
- The document containing the consensus-based, Level 3, core exit competencies for postdoctoral specialty training in Rehabilitation Psychology was submitted to COS for review and transmittal to CoA