

PROCESS OF DEVELOPMENT OF GEROPSYCHOLOGY POST-DOCTORAL COMPETENCIES

The President of the CoS Geropsychology Specialty Group emailed the representatives of all the geropsychology groups that make up the Geropsychology Specialty Council (Society of Clinical Geropsychology; American Board of Geropsychology; Psychologists in Long Term Care; APA Committee on Aging; APA Division 20 Adult Development & Aging; council of Professional Geropsychology Training Programs) about the initiative to identify the required competencies and behavioral referents for the competencies needed for geropsychology post-doctoral programs. The two post-doctoral training directors of APA-accredited programs in geropsychology were also asked for feedback. The geropsychology groups were given the initial set of instructions for this initiative, a list of the foundational & functional competencies for APA & ABPP, and an exemplar of how these competencies and behavioral referents might be completed by referring to the Tool for the Assessment of Geropsychology Competencies. The President of the CoS Geropsychology Specialty Group then integrated this feedback. The integrated product was then reviewed once again by the two Geropsychology Post-doctoral Training Directors before it was submitted.