

PROCESS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF BEHAVIORAL AND COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY POSTDOCTORAL RESIDENCY COMPETENCIES

The Behavioral and Cognitive Psychology Specialty Council met on a teleconference to discuss the development of Level 3 specialty residency competencies for Behavioral and Cognitive Psychology. Kevin Arnold chaired the meeting. The Specialty Council members are Kevin Arnold (President), James Carr, Gina Green, Jim Mulick, Jennifer Zarccone, and Tom Dowd. Initially, the Specialty Council reviewed the letters requesting the competencies from a) the Commission on Accreditation and b) the Council of Specialties. Using earlier developed competency documents (e.g., Klepac et al., 2012; the American Board of Behavioral and Cognitive Psychology foundation and functional competencies; the Task List of the Behavior Analyst Certification Board; Nezu, Martell, and Nezu, 2013), Kevin Arnold drafted the initial competencies. The members of the Specialty Council then reviewed the draft, and made recursive edits until a final draft was finalized. The final draft was then submitted in preliminary form to COS, where it received editorial review resulting in feedback. Several of the suggestions and editorial recommendations were incorporated into the competency document by Kevin Arnold, leading to the submission of the final version to COS. Afterwards, the final competencies were distributed to the governance structures/leadership of the Specialty Council members.