

In subsection (c) of this section, a reference to the use of the restricted titles and descriptions of services is substituted for the reference to "psychological activities", for clarity. As there is no prohibition on anyone merely performing psychological services without being certified, the word "activities" in the present law is potentially misleading.

This title varies significantly from most of the other titles of this article with respect to the nature of the rights and privileges that it addresses. This title does not regulate the practice of psychology -- it does not even define that term -- but it does prohibit the use of the title "psychologist", or of certain descriptions of services, by an individual who is not certified under this title. Therefore, the terms "certified", "certificate", and "certification" are used to describe the rights and privileges that the Board may grant under this title and to distinguish that grant from a "license", which conveys a right or privilege to practice. See Pitts v. State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, 222 Md. 224 (1960).

16-302. QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANTS.

(A) IN GENERAL.

TO QUALIFY FOR CERTIFICATION, AN APPLICANT SHALL BE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

(B) MORAL CHARACTER.

THE APPLICANT SHALL BE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER.

(C) AGE.

THE APPLICANT SHALL BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD.

(D) EDUCATION.

THE APPLICANT SHALL HAVE A DOCTORAL DEGREE THAT:

(1) IS FROM AN ACCREDITED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY AND BASED ON A PROGRAM OF STUDIES WHOSE CONTENT WAS PRIMARILY PSYCHOLOGICAL; OR

(2) IS BASED ON A PROGRAM OF STUDIES JUDGED BY THE BOARD TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT IN SUBJECT MATTER AND EXTENT OF TRAINING TO A DOCTORAL DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY FROM AN ACCREDITED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY.

(E) EXAMINATION.