

Psychology Continuing Education Policy

Beginning January 1, 2002 according to K.S.A. 74-5318 Licensed Psychologists are required to have 6 hours of continuing education related to the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders. The Board has taken the position of a broad interpretation of this law.

While a general coverage of the DSM IV TR is certainly acceptable, that is not the only option. If a licensee has a good general understanding of the DSM, the Board feels it could be counterproductive to continue a general review every two years. Therefore, it is certainly acceptable to study the diagnosis and treatment of specific disorders for meeting this continuing education requirement. It is at the discretion of the licensee, as to which option better enhances his or her professional skills.

There have been questions regarding this new requirement and the Board hopes that this policy statement helps to alleviate any confusion.