

**Commission for the Recognition of Specialties and Subsidiaries
in Professional Psychology (CRSSPP)
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CRSSPP Responsibilities

The Commission for the Recognition of Specialties and Subsidiaries in Professional Psychology (CRSSPP) is responsible for facilitating the development, implementation, and review of effective and coordinated policies and procedures to improve quality and process in recognition of specialties and subspecialties in professional psychology. A primary role of CRSSPP is to review petitions from organizations requesting the Association's recognition of a professional specialty or subspecialty, and to set policy accordingly.

The petition review process serves an important function in relation to the advancement of APA's strategic priorities, primarily in relation to the higher-level goal of strengthening APA's role as a leading voice for psychology. In particular, the rigorous review process of the Commission is designed to establish, uphold, and embody the standards for the profession and discipline nationally; and, equally, the process serves as a leading resource for standards and evidence-based guidelines for the field. Additionally, the review function reflects an important regulatory purpose that contributes to higher-level goals of preparing the discipline and profession of psychology for the future, and elevating the public's understanding, appreciation, and utilization of psychology.

Specialty, Subspecialty, and Proficiency Recognition

In 2025, the Commission recommended that the APA Council of Representatives grant a cascading one-year extension of recognition for petitions due in 2025, 2026, and 2027. This included a one-year extension of recognition of Addiction Psychology as a proficiency in professional psychology, to expire in August 2026; a one-year extension of recognition of Clinical Health Psychology, Couple and Family Psychology, and Group Psychology and Group Psychotherapy as specialties in professional psychology, to expire in August 2026; a one-year extension of recognition of Biofeedback and Applied Psychophysiology and Sport Psychology as proficiencies in professional psychology, to expire in August 2027; a one-year extension of recognition of Clinical Neuropsychology, Industrial-Organizational Psychology, Behavioral and Cognitive Psychology, Serious Mental Illness Psychology as specialties in professional psychology, to expire in August 2027; and a one-year extension of recognition of School Psychology, Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology, Police and Public Safety Psychology, and Clinical Psychopharmacology as specialties in professional psychology, to expire in August 2028. The APA Council of Representatives approved the one-year extension requests as noted above.