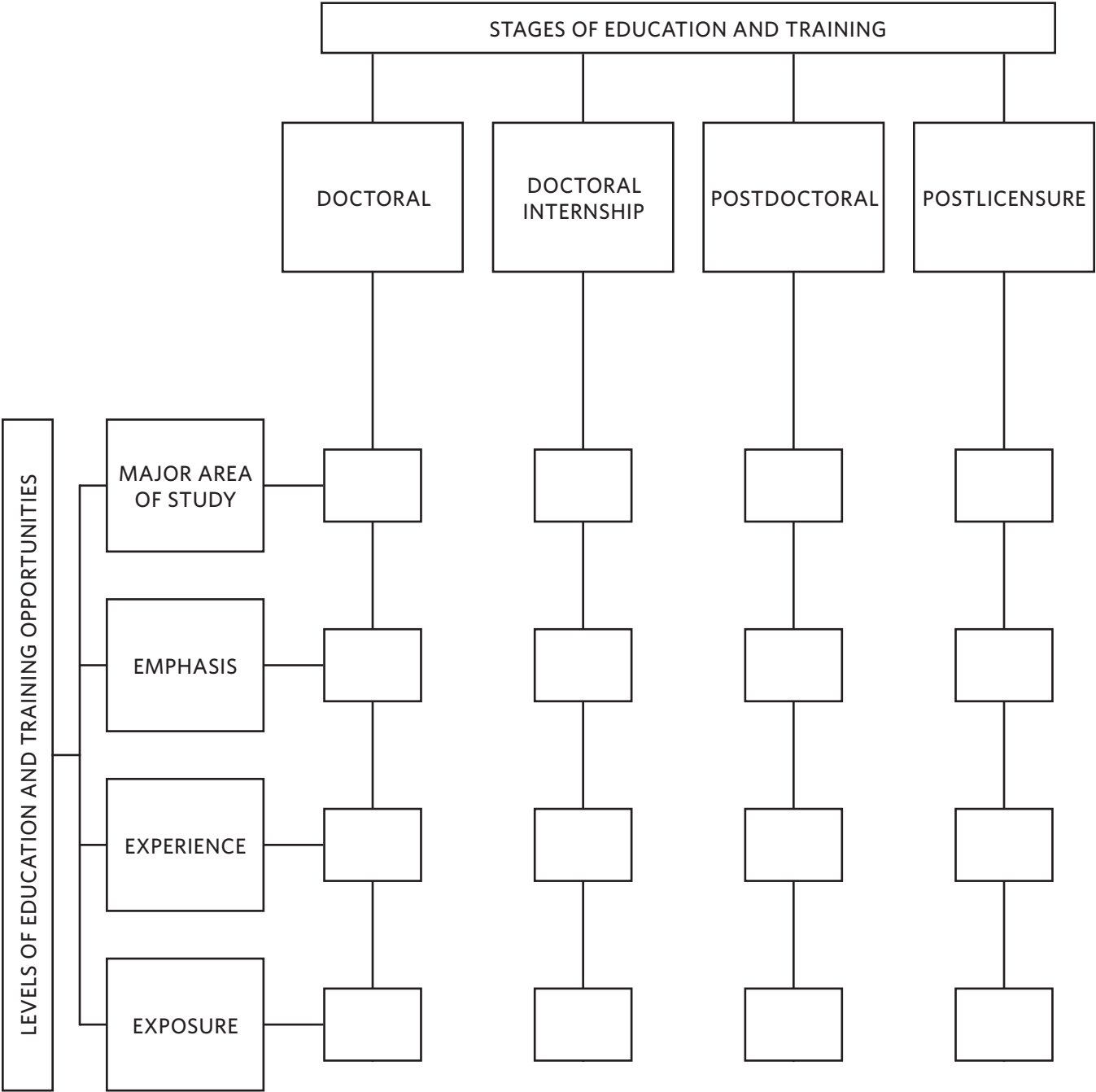


FIGURE A3

STAGES OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING AND LEVELS OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



Notes:

(1) Completed taxonomies for specialties can be found on the Council of Specialties in Professional Psychology website (www.cospp.org).

(2) This is a guide to be used by education and training programs to describe, using consistent language, the nature of the education and training opportunities in recognized specialties that they provide such that it is clear to both students and the public. The descriptors provided are not meant to be absolute or standards but to provide guidance to help education and training programs establish clear distinctions. The Commission for the Recognition of Specialties and Subsidiaries in Professional Psychology (CRSSPP), however, recommends the consistent use of these terms across the field to provide consistency. Each recognized specialty will provide its own recommendations for specific requirements for each level of intensity within each stage of the education and training sequence.

(3) Specialties vary with regard to how or if education and training can be acquired solely at the postlicensure level. For purposes of the taxonomy, an example is provided.

(4) Postdoctoral education and training in a specialty is by definition a major area of study requiring 80% or more of time spent in that specialty area but would allow for an exposure to other specialty areas.

(5) Because the ongoing utility and fidelity of these guidelines are dependent on the consistent use of the descriptors *Exposure*, *Experience*, *Emphasis*, and *Major Area of Study*, programs are strongly encouraged to use these four terms exclusively in public descriptions of training within APA-recognized specialties. It is suggested, then, that the term *focus* be used to describe opportunities in other training areas and that programs strive to provide explicit explanations of the type of training provided in these nonspecialty areas.

(6) The taxonomy is NOT designed to define specifics of individual training or practice or to be used to define the qualifications of individuals but to describe programmatic structure such that there is "truth in advertising" by education and training programs.