

**APA Designation Committee for Postdoctoral Education and Training Programs in  
Psychopharmacology for Prescriptive Authority (“RxP Designation Committee”)  
2018 Annual Report**

**RxP Designation Committee Members:** Steven R. Tulkin, PhD (Chair); Neal R. Morris, EdD, MS (Vice-Chair); Thomas J. Brady, MD, MBA; Julie R. Price, PsyD; Robert C. Rinaldi, PhD, MA; Maxine L. Stitzer, PhD

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The RxP Designation Committee was approved by the APA Council of Representatives in 2009. The purpose of this Committee is to provide public recognition of postdoctoral psychopharmacology education and training programs that meet certain minimum standards and published criteria. Governance oversight of the RxP Designation Committee during 2018 was jointly provided by Board of Educational Affairs (BEA) and the Committee for the Advancement of Professional Practice (CAPP). The Committee held its annual meeting (virtually) on September 21-22, 2018. This report provides information on some of the Committee’s major activities for 2018.

The Committee reviewed applications from the MS in Clinical Psychopharmacology program at Fairleigh Dickinson University and the Clinical Psychopharmacology Postdoctoral Master’s Degree Program at New Mexico State University.

The Committee reviewed an interim report from the MS in Clinical Psychopharmacology program at Alliant International University.

Dr. Neal R. Morris was elected to serve as Chair of the Committee for 2019 and Dr. Steven R. Tulkin was elected to serve as Vice-Chair.

The committee recommended reappointment of Drs. Price and Rinaldi for a second, three-year term of service. This recommendation was approved by the Board of Directors.

The Committee approved May 9, 2019, as the deadline for receipt of applications to be considered in 2019. There are no interim reports due in 2019.

Based on the Committee’s recommendation to BEA and CAPP, a task force was convened in 2017 to review and revise the APA Model Curriculum for Prescriptive Authority and related association policies. A 60-day period of public notice was available in spring 2018 via the Education Directorate comment website for Boards, Committees, Divisions, and individuals to review and comment. In July 2018 the task force met to review the comments received and make additional changes as appropriate. A second period of comment was available in the fall of 2018. The document is anticipated to be voted on at the February 2019 Council of Representatives meeting. If adopted as APA policy, the RxP Designation Committee will need to revise the [Application for APA Designation](#) and Interim Report Template to reflect the changes in the policy documents.

The next meeting (virtual) of the RxP Designation Committee will be held September 20-21, 2019.