

APA Designation Committee for Postdoctoral Education and Training Programs in Psychopharmacology for Prescriptive Authority 2019 Annual Report

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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. During 2019, the Committee held its annual meeting (virtually) on September 27, 2019. The committee's actions serve to elevate the public's understanding of, regard for, and use psychology, as well as prepare the discipline and profession of psychology for the future.

Application Reviews

The committee reviewed an application from Alliant International University for continued status as a designated program. The committee voted to approve continued designation for five years.

Changes to Reporting Structures

The committee was provided with information regarding the sunseting of the Committee for the Advancement of Professional Practice (CAPP), which was effective on June 30, 2019. As a result of CAPP's sunseting, the Board of Professional Affairs (BPA) will undergo changes within their membership, including the increase in seats from 9 to 13 members, and a set representative from the Council of Executive Directors of State and Provincial Psychological Associations (CESPPA). This change means that the Designation Committee will now report to BPA and BEA.

Policy Updates

APA's Council has approved the Model Curriculum for Prescriptive Authority revision and related policy documents. The revised designation criteria will be effective at the beginning of the 2020 application submissions.

Next Meeting Date

The Committee has tentatively selected September 11-12, 2020, for its annual virtual meeting.