

**APA Designation Committee for Postdoctoral Education and Training Programs in
Psychopharmacology for Prescriptive Authority (RxP Designation Committee)
2022 Annual Report**

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Application Reviews

The RxP Designation Committee reviewed applications for continued designation of programs. The committee accepted the interim reports of Fairleigh Dickinson University's Master of Science Program in Clinical Psychopharmacology, Idaho State University's Master of Science Program in Clinical Psychopharmacology, and the Chicago School of Professional Psychology's Master of Science in Clinical Psychopharmacology which grants these programs continued designation until 2023. The committee also accepted the interim report of Alliant International University's Clinical Psychopharmacology Postdoctoral Master's Program which grants continued designation for the program until 2024.

The Committee's actions of granting designation help serve to elevate the public's understanding of, regard for, and use of psychology, as well as strengthen APA's authoritative voice in setting standards for psychopharmacology training programs.

Revised RxP Guidelines

The RxP Designation Committee was asked to discuss the timing for revising the following guidelines: Model Legislation for Prescriptive Authority, Model Education and Training Program in Psychopharmacology for Prescriptive Authority, and the Designation Criteria for Education and Training Programs in Preparation for Prescriptive Authority. These guidelines were approved by the APA Council of Representatives in 2019 and would expire after 10 years. However, the committee has the discretion to request that guidelines be reviewed sooner, if there have been new developments in training that require updates.

The Committee determined that a revision to the documents is not currently warranted. Specifically, they agreed that there have been no new developments in training that require the current criteria to be revised. Moreover, given the nature and timing of application due dates, the current criteria have only been used in the review of a few programs. The committee determined that they need more experience applying the current guidelines to inform future revisions. Thus, the guidelines will remain active for 10 years and be set to expire in 2029.

The Committee's efforts to ensure the current guidelines are being utilized by all designated programs promotes preparing the discipline and profession of psychology for the future as well as strengthen APA's authoritative voice on setting guidelines for these programs.