

**APA Designation Committee for Postdoctoral Education and Training Programs in
Psychopharmacology for Prescriptive Authority (RxP Designation Committee)
2023 Annual Report**

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Application Reviews

The RxP Designation Committee reviewed applications for continued designation of programs. The committee accepted the interim report for New Mexico State University's Master of Science Program in Clinical Psychopharmacology. A new application for Drake University's Master of Science in Clinical Psychopharmacology program was granted continued designation until 2026. The committee also granted continued designation for renewal applications 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's Master of Science in Clinical Psychopharmacology until 2028.

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.

Committee Internal Process for 2024

The Committee conversed about their internal procedures for how to respond when a program reaches out after the application or report due date and requests the opportunity to correct an error or share additional information to what has already been submitted. The Committee agreed that staff should have the discretion to allow programs to submit any additional materials to their application up to 30 days after the application deadline.

The committee's continued efforts in reviewing their processes allows for them to also remain having an authoritative voice in setting the standards and expectations for training programs.

Convention 2023/2024

Dr. Rodriguez-Menendez provided an overview about how the previous RxP presentation went at APA Convention 2023 and the committee discussed whether they would like to submit another proposal for next year's convention. To help promote the convention program to potential RxP students, the committee discussed connecting with the American Psychological Association of Graduate Students (APAGS) and early career psychologists, as well as groups whose work focuses on underserved populations.

The committee's willingness to provide information about psychopharmacology

training at convention for potential students enhances the group's ability to prepare the discipline and profession of psychology for the future.