

**APA Designation Committee for Postdoctoral Education and Training Programs in
Psychopharmacology for Prescriptive Authority (RxP Designation Committee)
2025 Annual Report**

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Application Reviews

The RxP Designation Committee reviewed interim reports for continued designation of programs. The committee granted continued designations for Drake University's Master of Science in Clinical Psychopharmacology and New Mexico State University's Master of Science in Clinical Psychopharmacology until 2026. The committee also accepted interim reports for Fairleigh Dickinson University's Master of Science in Clinical Psychopharmacology, The Chicago School's Master of Science in Clinical Psychopharmacology, and Idaho State University's Master of Science in Clinical Psychopharmacology program with next renewal application in 2028.

The committee's actions of granting designation elevates the public's understanding, appreciation, and utilization of psychology as well as strengthen APA's role as a leading voice for psychology in setting standards for psychopharmacology training programs.

RxP Guidelines & Proposed Committee Changes

The Committee was informed about the estimated timeline and process 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 Council in 2019 and will expire in 2029. The Committee also learned and discussed the procedures for changing the committee status from an APA ad hoc to continuing committee.

The committee's continued efforts in improving the criteria and policies for psychopharmacology education allows them to remain having a leading voice in setting the standards and expectations for training programs.

Convention 2025/2026

The Committee discussed whether they would like to submit another proposal for next year's convention. At APA 2025, several psychopharmacology programs hosted a joint information session where prospective students could learn more about their programs.

The committee's willingness to provide information about psychopharmacology training at convention for potential students enhances the group's ability to prepare the field of psychology for current and future opportunities and challenges.