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Information about Transfer Interviews for Psychologists Registered in Canada

All psychologists in Nova Scotia are expected to possess or demonstrate an understanding of professional practice and ethical issues, and have an understanding of the practice of psychology in NS (public and private system). As such, the Transfer Interview serves to introduce and orient psychologists to practice in NS. This may involve a discussion about practice standards and ethics, as well as differences that may exist between NS and other jurisdictions.

Panel: The typical panel contains two Board members, one of whom is chair, and one psychologist not on the Board. The interview must be held in-person with the committee members and the applicant.

Fee: The fee is Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and payable one week in advance of the interview. The Board accepts payment online by cheque, Visa, MasterCard, and American Express. All fees (i.e. Transfer Interview and Registration) can be paid online using credit card. To pay your fees online, visit the Applicants section of the website (www.nsbep.org) and select the Online Payments for Applicants tab. Alternatively, you may call or fax your credit card information into the office or send payment by mail.

Preparation: This is not specifically a jurisprudence exam; however it would be helpful to consult the Board document “Standards of Practice”. This document contains the standards, and a listing of relevant legislation and guidelines. The URL is: http://www.nsbep.org/downloads/Binder_Standards_Legislation_Guidelines.pdf

The Interview: This is not an open book interview. No books or papers are permitted in the exam room. Electronic devices must be turned off and taping is not permitted. The content is confidential.

The chair asks the applicant to describe his or her past work settings, to indicate some ethical dilemmas that have arisen, and to describe how they were resolved. Additionally applicants may be asked to discuss their intended work setting in Nova Scotia. Each member of the panel is free to ask questions and pose problems for the applicant’s consideration. Because our registration is generic, the questions tend to focus on the actual work situation of the applicant rather than following a pre-arranged agenda. Nevertheless the panel is not limited to the applicant’s own examples, but is free to develop hypothetical scenarios, to ask about issues that the applicant may not have

introduced, and so on. The applicant is then asked to leave and to wait nearby until the panel has deliberated and is in a position to offer feedback.

Post Interview feedback: When the applicant returns the panel offers feedback. For example, the committee may suggest standards that the psychologist should review and resources that a psychologist could access to facilitate a successful transition to NS.

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