

NSBEP Email Update

Welcome to the most recent update from NSBEP. In this format of communication with registrants, the Board strives to provide updates on subjects of interest to registrants of the Board.

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CHANGES TO CONTINUING COMPETENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR 2020 EXTENDED TO 2021

The Board considers Continuing Competence activities to be a very important component of protecting the public by ensuring that psychologists keep up to date with current psychological practices. The Board appreciates that registrant access to some continuing competence activities, particularly in-person workshops and professional conventions, will continue to be limited during 2021 because of circumstances related to COVID-19.

In light of this, for the 2021 calendar year, the Board has extended the allowed increase in the number of credits that can be earned in two categories:

11. Workshops / Webinars / Online Learning - 1 hour = 1 credit – For 2021, the maximum number of credits that can be earned in this category will remain at 15 (was 10 prior to 2020).

Documentation requirements “State on your Continuing Competence Form, the name of the workshop or webinar along with the name of the presenter, date and duration.”

12. Self-directed learning (reading, videos) 1 hour = 1 credit – For 2021, the maximum number of credits that can be earned in this category will remain at 15 (was 10 prior to 2020). Documentation “State on your Continuing Competence Form, the name of the book, chapter or title of what was read / viewed.

NEW DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENT “Also include a photocopy of the front or title page of the article or book, or provide a detailed citation.”

There is no change in the minimum number of 20 credits required to meet Continuing Competence requirements. Please note that at this time, these changes only apply to Continuing Competence for 2021.

PPE SUPPLY

Nova Scotia will continue to supply your members with appropriate PPE from Nova Scotia’s centralized COVID-19 inventory, at no cost, until September 30, 2021. This period

corresponds to our current view of supplies. Further extension will be reviewed periodically.

Health providers may continue to access PPE with their existing PPE account through online ordering at:

[\(Click here\) Link to Provincial COVID 19 PPE Portal – online shopping](#)

New supply requests and updates to previous requests can be made by completing the online application at:

[\(Click here\) Link to Provincial COVID 19 PPE Inventory Request – online application](#)

When a request is processed, the organization's primary contact will be notified by email of their approved supply volume with instructions for setting up online ordering. Please contact the Supplies Team at PPerequest@novascotia.ca for any questions.

Thank you for the continued hard work of your members safely caring for Nova Scotians and keeping communities safe and healthy during this extraordinary time.

Yours truly,

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Deputy Minister of Health and Wellness

NON-NSBEP SURVEY

Please review the following survey request from another organization that has asked for access to NSBEP registrants. This request appears to be relevant to the provision of appropriate psychological services to the public and so the information is being provided here as a courtesy. Please note that NSBEP is not involved with and does not officially endorse these surveys and your participation in any of the surveys is completely voluntary.

National Frontiers in Research Fund (NFRF) Project

Survey organizers would like to invite you to participate in a study that investigates the barriers and facilitators to the inclusion of students with disabilities in health and human service professional programs. In particular, we are interested in the accommodations of fieldwork settings in ten health and human service programs (Audiology, Speech-Language Pathology, Dental Hygiene, Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Psychology, and Social Work).

Our research project is entitled, "Strategies for increasing accessibility and equity in health and human service educational programs: national perspectives"

We would like to invite you to help us better understand those barriers and facilitators by taking part in our study. The survey will close on June 30, 2021.

[Click here for more information](#)

Sincerely,

Nova Scotia Board of Examiners in Psychology

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