

Discipline	Educational Requirements	Competency Related Criteria	Other General Criteria
<p>Psychologist (Dependent)</p> <p>Revised 1/92; 7/92; 4/94</p>	<p>1. Master's Degree in Psychology or a Behavioral Science.</p>	<p>1. Completed Application and Delineation of Clinical Functions form submitted by supervising psychiatrist.</p> <p>2. Three (3) references providing evidence of acceptable clinical experience.</p> <p>3. Completion of Clinical Interview with Clinical Psychologist Supervisor, Altoona Hospital Community Mental Health Center.</p> <p>4. Provisional period of one (1) year is required. Written evaluation must be completed at the end of the provisional period by Psychologist Peer Reviewer indicating that the Psychologist has demonstrated appropriate skills to carry out the clinical functions as stated. The provisional period may be extended for an additional one year if deemed necessary by the appropriate Medical Staff Department.</p> <p>5. Periodic review will be done every two (2) years.</p>	<p>1. Evidence of adequate professional liability insurance as required by the Board.</p> <p>2. Evidence of current license by the Pennsylvania State Board of Psychology, if the applicant holds such a license.</p> <p>3. Agree to abide by appropriate Medical Staff Bylaws, Rules &amp; Regulations.</p> <p>4. Agree to abide by the Rules &amp; Regulations of the Professional Psychologist Practice Act (April 1986, P.L. 89, No. 33).</p> <p>5. Sign statement of overall responsibility by employing physician.</p> <p>5. CPR Certification required.</p>

**DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY  
RULES & REGULATIONS**

**INDEPENDENT CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGISTS**

Clinical psychologists functioning as independent limited health professionals assigned to the Department of Psychiatry may function either autonomously or in collaboration with at least one Medical Staff member of the Department, who in turn will be responsible for regular admission, ongoing care, and discharge of the involved patients.

The autonomous function is performed at the request of any member of the Altoona Hospital Medical Staff. Qualifications for autonomous function include the following:

1. Doctor of Psychology with a degree in Clinical or Counseling Psychology. Graduates of programs on or after 1985 must be from an approved American Psychological Association Program.
2. State of Pennsylvania license.
3. Six (6) months of experience should be in a hospital setting working with a psychiatrist or this may be completed during the period of their provisional appointment.
4. References from two (2) psychiatrists and two (2) psychologists.
5. One (1) year provisional period will be served. The provisional period may be extended for no more than twelve 12 months.
6. CPR certification is required.

During the provisional period one (1) case per month will be reviewed.