

# Oregon School Counselor & School psychologist Requirements and Barriers

Personnel Services Standards Discussion for Oregon House Behavioral Health Committee | by Teacher Standards & Practices Commission | Anthony J. Rosilez, Ph.D., J.D & Wayne G. Strickland, Ph.D.



#### TSPC mission

To establish, uphold and enforce professional standards of excellence and communicate those standards to the public and educators for the benefit of Oregon's students.



#### TSPC goals

- Establish high standards for educator preparation excellence and regularly review approved programs for delivery of adopted licensure standards;
- Provide leadership for professional licensure standards including standards for: cultural inclusion; educator dispositions; subject-matter competency;
- Provide timely high quality services to licensees, higher education, and the public;
- Maintain and develop clear, concise and easy to understand administrative rules; and
- Establish high standards for educator professional conduct and regularly communicate those standards to the field.

# Description of School Psychologist and School Counselor OAR rules:



- **584-070-0012** Preliminary School Counselor License
- 584-070-0022 Professional School Counselor License
- 584-070-0111 Reciprocal School Counselor License
- **584-070-0132** Emergency School Counselor License

- **584-070-0205** Scope of School Psychologist License
- 584-070-0211 Initial School Psychologist License
- **584-070-0221** Continuing School Psychologist License
- 584-070-0271 Transitional School Psychologist License (First time Out-of State)

#### General Process for School Counselor Licensure



- Description of OAR Rules: 584-070-0012
   Requirements of School Counselor License
- Requirements:
  - Background Check
  - Fingerprinting
  - Successful completion of Protecting Civil Rights in the Educational Environment (ORELA)
  - Completion of an Oregon Approved Academic Program including Internship (Six Oregon EPPs). Minimum: Master's Degree to be licensed in Oregon.

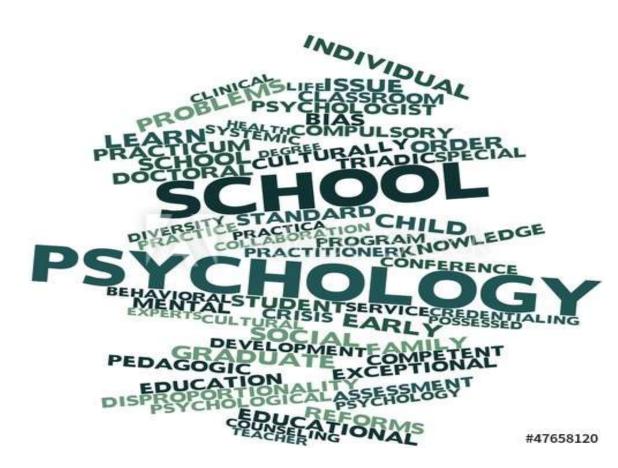
## Program Standards for School Counselor License

- Knowledge
- Skills
- Abilities
- Cultural Competencies for School Counselor License



# General Process for School Psychologist Licensure

- Description of OAR Rule: 584-070-0211
   School Psychologist License
- Requirements:
  - Background Check
  - Fingerprinting
  - Successful completion of Protecting Civil Rights in the Educational Environment (ORELA)
  - Completion of an Oregon Approved Academic Program including Internship (Three Oregon EPPs). Minimum: Master's Degree to be licensed in Oregon.



#### Barriers to Personnel Services Licensure

- Need to Define the OARs and rules that need to be redesigned to fit current competencies
- Increase in Mental Health Issues
  - Pandemic and increased stresses on K-12 students
  - Impact on Students of a Climate of Increased Political Polarization
  - Increase in Mental Health Issues Related to Virtual Education
- Cost of Counseling Programs
- Lack of Consistency in Standards across the States
- Interstate Licensure Portability
- Challenges of Collaboration with Classroom Teachers
- Lack of Equity
- Lack of Qualified Practitioners (particularly acute with supervisors for school psychology candidates)



# BARRIER: DEMOGRAPHIC SHORTAGE OF PERSONNEL

COUNSELOR COVERAGE GAPS BY	Restricted School	Emergency School		T TCDC II
SD SD	Counselor	Counselor		To meet shortages, TSPC allows
<blank></blank>	1	0		alternate counselor (not
<ode></ode>	1	0		psychologist) licensure if sponsored
Clackamas	5	1		<u> </u>
Columbia Gorge	0	1		by SDs:
Douglas	1	3		
Grant	0	0	-	Restricted – For generally qualified candidates who have not
Harney	0	0		
High Desert	1	0		
Intermountain	5	3		completed a TE program
Jefferson	1	0		
Lake -	0	0	_	Emorgancy Chart tarm
Lane	3	0	-	Emergency – Short-term
Linn Benton Lincoln	6	1		candidates for urgent circumstances
Malheur	3	1		
Multnomah North Central	12	1		circumstances
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Northwest Regional South Coast	2	<i>i</i>		Conclusion: For 2019-20, over 100 positions with professionals not
Southern Oregon	5	5 7		
Wallowa	0	0		
Willamette	11	3		fully trained
TOTAL	71	34		



# Opportunities Created by These Challenges?

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