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Current status of ABPP Specialties & Subspecialties –

Two groups are moving ahead with examinations in the “monitoring phase” of affiliation with ABPP. These are *Serious Mental Illness Psychology* (SMI) and *Addiction Psychology* (AP). This process is initiated after all founding board members have been examined and applications are opened to the general profession. Each board is expected to examine a minimum of 30 candidates in the 2 years following beginning the monitoring phase.

The SMI is recognized by the Commission for the Recognition of Specialties and Subspecialties in Professional Psychology (CRSSPP) as a specialty, while Addiction Psychology, currently recognized by CRSSPP as a proficiency, is seeking affiliation as a specialty with ABPP. We encourage the latter to seek *specialty* recognition by CRSSPP. We also anticipate a forthcoming application for affiliation in the specialty of Trauma Psychology. Including the two boards in the implementation phase, ABPP now has 17 specialty boards and 1 subspecialty board.

Continuing Work from Specialty Summit 4.0 – Previously, the Interorganizational Summit on Specialty, Specialization, and Board Certification Outreach and Communication Committee has worked on infographics regarding the Taxonomy as it may be perceived by various sectors (e.g., public, students, psychologists). This can be viewed at <https://www.apa.org/ed/graduate/specialize/understanding-taxonomy>.

We have also worked with CRSSPP, COS and APA on having articles in the APA Monitor on the 1) the taxonomy, 2) specialist practice, and 3) board certification.

An online taxonomy tool for programs to use that will assist in determination of the level (e.g., Major Area of Study, Emphasis, Experience, or Exposure) of training provided, using the taxonomy verbiage. A video instructional will be available in the coming months.

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The International Project on Competencies in Psychology (IPCP) –

This project continues despite have had some slowing due to the pandemic and related cancellations of meetings. The current plan is to hold the next meeting in Brighton, United Kingdom on July 3, 2023. ABPP anticipates continuing its participation and will report more after the completion of the meeting.

Competence in the Doctoral and Master's Realms

The profession has been busy considering the impact of APA accrediting master's degree programs, ABPP has been involved as a liaison to a working group with the APA Board of Professional Affairs (BPA) and is monitoring activities in other organizations such as the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB). ABPP and ASPPB are each initiating task forces to review this issue and the implications for our organizations.

Respectfully submitted,

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