

APPENDIX

REQUIREMENTS FOR PSYCHOLOGISTS

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION,
Washington, May 29, 1968.

The Honorable JOHN M. ZWACH,
Room 1208, Longworth House Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. ZWACH: At the hearing of HR 10407 (a bill to license psychologists in the District of Columbia) on May 20, 1968, you raised the important question concerning the training of psychologists. I am happy to bring information to you here which may be of help in answering this question.

I am enclosing two pieces of material. One is entitled *Criteria for Evaluating Training Programs in Clinical or in Counseling Psychology*, a reprint from the *American Psychologist*. This article is general, in the sense that it describes the targets to which graduate departments of psychology must measure up if they are to be approved as doctoral training centers. I believe it will give you the most convenient overview of what is involved in the preparation of clinical and counseling psychologists.

The second enclosure describes a specific doctoral training program, that of the Department of Psychology at The George Washington University here in Washington. An interesting exercise is to compare this description with the more general statement, to see how the one reflects the guidelines laid down by the other.

I read an article just yesterday about how many pieces of legislation you gentlemen have to consider each year, and it's a staggering figure. In the interest of taking a minimum of your time, I am keeping this communication brief. However, if you should desire further information of any kind on this (or any other feature of HR 10407), do not hesitate to ask me for it.

Very sincerely yours,

JONATHAN W. CUMMINGS, Ph. D.,
Chairman, Legislative Committee.

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY, THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, PROGRAM IN
CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY LEADING TO PH. D. DEGREE

REQUIREMENTS

- (1) 48 course credit hours.
- (2) Basic Practicum: Sixteen hours a week for two semesters performing clinical assessment activities under supervision.
Practicum agencies used for training are: St. Elizabeths Hospital, D.C. General Hospital, Naval Medical Center, and G.W.U. Psychological Clinic.
- (3) Internship: Full year, 40 hours a week away from University performing assessment, psychotherapy and research under supervision of psychologists and other mental health professionals. Primary internship training sites include, St. Elizabeths Hospital, D.C. General Hospital, Naval Medical Center, Hillcrest Children's Center and V.A. Hospital. Typically in 3rd or 4th year of graduate work.
- (4) Advanced Practicum: Sixteen to twenty hours a week during 3rd, 4th, or 5th year of graduate work. Student selects emphasis on either individual psychotherapy, group psychotherapy, or clinical research. Supervised.
- (5) Comprehensive Examinations in five fields. One field must be Clinical Psychology and one must be General Psychology. Other possibilities include psychopathology, psychotherapy, behavior change, clinical assessment, child or developmental, etc.