


MEMORANDUM

DATE	November 1, 2018
TO	Board Members
FROM	 Stephanie Cheung Licensing Manager
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 23(e) Applicant #1 - Consideration of Licensing Committee Recommendations Regarding Requests for an Extension of the 60- Consecutive Month Limitation to Accrue 3000 Hours of Post-Doctoral Supervised Professional Experience Pursuant to Section 1387(a) of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations

Background:

California Code of Regulations, Title 16, section 1387 provides in part:

(a) Pursuant to section 2914(c) of the code, two years of qualifying SPE shall be completed and documented prior to licensure. One year of SPE shall be defined as 1500 hours. At least one year of SPE shall be completed postdoctorally. Each year of SPE shall be completed within a thirty (30) consecutive month period. If both years of SPE (3000 hours) are completed postdoctorally, they shall be completed within a sixty (60) month period. Upon showing of good cause as determined by the board, these specified time limitations may be reasonably modified.

Applicant #1 – Request for a Five-year-and-eight-month Extension to the 60-Consecutive Month Limitation to Accrue Post-Doctoral Supervised Professional Experience (SPE)

Applicant #1 submitted a total of 3,000 hours of SPE, but has only been credited 1,463 hours of SPE towards licensure, as the remaining hours were accrued outside of the 60-consecutive month period allowed by regulations.

The breakdown of the total hours of SPE is as follows:

- 1,463 hours of post-doctoral SPE accrued from June 17, 2008 to December 31, 2010; and
- 1,537 hours of post-doctoral SPE accrued from January 11, 2017 to February 1, 2018.

Pursuant to the time limitation in accruing SPE set forth by section 1387(a) of the CCR, Applicant #1 is required to complete the remaining 1,537 hours of post-doctoral SPE by June 17, 2013.

Applicant #1 explained that it was challenging to continue working on post-doctoral SPE while being the primary caregiver to two children as well as an aging and disabled father who suffers from various medical conditions. Applicant #1 requests the Committee's consideration to extend the 60-month period to allow the acceptance of the remaining hours of SPE.

The Board's record shows that Applicant #1 passed the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology on October 12, 2018.

Attachment:

A: Letter of Request
B: Supporting Documents

Action Requested:

Review and consider the Licensing Committee's recommendation to grant the five-year-and-eight-month extension to the 60-consecutive month limitation to accrue 3,000 hours of post-doctoral SPE.

Cheung, Stephanie@DCA

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 17, 2018 10:13 AM
To: DCA, BOPLicensing@DCA
Subject: Fwd: SPE Hours
Attachments: 2018_04_09_11_37_11.pdf; [REDACTED] birth certificate.pdf; [REDACTED] Birth Certificate.pdf

Dear Ms. Cheung,

I am writing to request an extension of the time frame between my accrued post doctoral experience hours. As you can see from the email that is forwarded below from Sharon Perera, my first post doctoral experience ended on 12/31/2010 and my second post doctoral experience began on 1/11/2017. There is actually about 72 months and one and a half weeks time lapse between the two as opposed to 60.

The interim of those two post-doctoral experiences was an especially challenging time for me. My first son, [REDACTED] was born on 9/11/09 and my second son, [REDACTED] was born on 12/25/11. It became exceedingly difficult to care for [REDACTED] and continue to accrue postdoctoral hours. I was [REDACTED] primary caregiver as my husband works away from home most of the time. In addition to taking care of my two children, I was also caring for my father who needed my help because of various medical conditions that he has suffered. I'm requesting that these circumstances be considered in extending the time frame from 60 months to 72 months and one and a half weeks. Looking forward to hearing from you. Attached you will find the birth certificates of my two sons.

Best,
[REDACTED], PhD

Time Line:

9/2005 to 2/1/2018: I worked for the [REDACTED] from 9/2005 to 2/1/2018. I worked as an adjunct professor (part time) there until the end of December 2016. From January 2017 until February 2018, I worked as a postdoctoral therapist for [REDACTED] College (a college in [REDACTED]). The purpose of my continuing to work for the [REDACTED] on a part time basis after having my children was to provide health insurance for me and my family, including having insurance to cover the delivery of my two boys.

2/2007: Awarded doctorate by the University of London, Royal Holloway.

6/17/2008-12/31/2010: Worked as a Psychological Assistant to [REDACTED]

9/11/09: Birth of my first son, [REDACTED] (see attached birth certificate).

12/25/2011: Birth of my second son, [REDACTED] (see attached birth certificate).

1/2012- 3/2014: Cared for my aging , disabled, father, [REDACTED] (see attached letter from [REDACTED])

1/2017- 2/2018: Second postdoctoral experience. Worked for [REDACTED], in their Health Center

In addition to teaching for the [REDACTED], I taught online classes at different times for the following colleges: [REDACTED] College, [REDACTED] College and [REDACTED] University. Teaching online was convenient for me because it allowed me to grade assignments and hold office hours after my children went to sleep. I also taught briefly for [REDACTED] (one semester Fall 2015) and [REDACTED] (Fall 2013 to Spring 2014). I currently teach one online class for [REDACTED] College.

I have long wanted to become a psychologist but obstacles impeded my path. My foremost responsibility is to provide for my family by earning a decent income (to the best of my ability) and obtaining solid health insurance. I found it exceedingly difficult to continue to accrue post doctoral hours while trying to accomplish these things and still be physically present to care for my children and aging, disabled father. It is through persistence, dedication and motivation that I've made it this far to accomplish the goal of becoming a psychologist. I hope that the committee will take my life circumstances into consideration so that I can finally, at age [REDACTED] realize that goal.

Best,

[REDACTED], PhD

[REDACTED], M.D.F.A.C.S.

General and Thoracic Surgery
Diplomate American Board of Surgery
American Board of Thoracic Surgery

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[REDACTED]

Dear Board of Psychology Licensing Committee Members,

This Letter is to certify that [REDACTED] (formerly [REDACTED]), was [REDACTED] father's primary caregiver while he was under my care. I treated [REDACTED] father, [REDACTED] from 1/2012 to 3/2014 for coronary heart disease. Feel free to contact me should you require and additional information.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] M.D.



8/27/2018



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To Whom it may concern:

Applicant's Father [REDACTED] Date of Birth [REDACTED] has been under my care for Dementia, cardiac problems and diabetes - he has been having memory problems since 2005



M.D./FACP



phone [REDACTED]



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