• Summary of proposal

My goal is to become licensed as a clinical psychologist in the state of Ohio. To that end, I have spent my sabbatical year (2008-2009) working as a post-doctoral trainee at Oesterlen Services for Youth to obtain sufficient clinical hours (in addition to the hours I obtained while earning my doctoral degree) to qualify to take the licensure exam in Ohio. Having now obtained those hours, I would like to turn my attention to studying for and passing the written and oral licensure exams.

• Statement of objectives for the growth project.

My objective is to obtain my license as a clinical psychologist in the state of Ohio. The reason I would like to become a licensed psychologist is that the vast majority of the courses I teach cover the diagnosis and treatment of mental illness. While I have excellent training in this area from graduate school, new treatments are constantly being developed and a new diagnostic manual will be published in the next few years. I feel strongly that my teaching will be greatly enhanced by my ability to continue to remain current in the mental health field through actual work with people experiencing mental illness. Having my license as a psychologist will create more flexibility for me to seek clinical experiences that are most relevant to the classes I teach and least disruptive to my primary work as a professor (i.e., involve limited time). Moreover, having professional ties with community agencies will enable me to help maintain and create more service learning and internship opportunities for students which will be one of my duties as the Faculty Service Learning Coordinator for the Center for Civic and Urban Engagement. Finally, I have always found that my clinical work helps me develop new research questions and I anticipate that my ongoing applied work as a psychologist will enhance my research program as well.

• Detailed description of the project including:
  o Projected beginning and ending dates:

    July 1, 2009-June 30, 1010 (at the latest)

  o Procedures to be followed for completion of the project.

    1. Submit application to become a psychologist in the state of Ohio.
    2. Purchase study package and utilize materials to prepare for licensure exams.
    3. Submit application to take written exam.
    4. Take written exam.
    6. Take oral exam.

  o Itemized budget

    Study material package: $2,199.00
    Fee to take written exam: $450.00
    Application fee for licensure in Ohio: $125.00
    Total: $2,774.00
The proposal should include a description of the method of reporting progress and success of the project.

A copy of my exam results will be provided, along with (if successful) a copy of my state psychologist’s license.