

OREGON PSYCHOANALYTIC INSTITUTE

Policy and Procedure for Waiver for Non-Training Analysts

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GOALS:

This policy is used to assess, on a case-by-case basis, an analyst whose analytic patient is applying for OPI candidacy and wishes to continue their personal analysis with their non-training analyst. The aim of this policy is threefold: 1. to avoid the interruption of an ongoing analysis; 2. to have candidates benefit from having an analysis with an experienced analyst; and 3. to encourage the development of our non-TA faculty members doing analytic work and growing professionally.

"Ongoing" is defined as a minimum of one year in psychoanalysis, in-person four to five times per week.

This pathway is not intended to serve as an alternate track for a Training Analyst appointment. In the event that a non-TA applies for more than one waiver, OPI will expect the analyst to simultaneously apply for TA status.

OBJECTIVE CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY

The analyst is a graduate of an American Psychoanalytic Association (APsA) or International Psychoanalytic Association (IPA)-affiliated institute, or an equivalent institute, with sufficient and ongoing post-graduation analytic work. They are at least three years post-graduation, and an OPI faculty member.

Sufficient and ongoing analytic work is defined as at least 3 years post-graduation analytic work, with a minimum of (2) cases at a frequency of 4-5 times per week.

Two of these cases have been in psychoanalysis for at least three years post graduation.

The waiver applicant has a minimum number of 1,080 hours of post graduate analytic experience.

The analyst demonstrates evidence of independent work by having at least one new 4-5 times per week psychoanalytic case started after graduation.

The analyst has terminated at least one analytic case. This may include cases seen during candidacy.

The analyst is in good ethical and professional standing.

The analyst is an active teacher and faculty member at OPI.

The analyst has sought ongoing supervision/consultation for their analytic cases.

PROCESS:

The potential candidate who would like to continue their analysis with a non-TA notifies the TA/SA Chair, who contacts the analyst and asks if they would like to be considered for a waiver. The analyst notifies the TA/SA Chair of their decision, and turns in the form attesting to the criteria they have met. There will be one meeting with the analyst and the TA/SA committee to determine if the criteria are met. If they are, a recommendation of a waiver is made. There is no further formal evaluation of the analyst. The TA/SA Chair brings their recommendation of the applicant to the EC for endorsement.

If the analyst does not meet objective criteria, special and unusual circumstances can be taken into consideration for a waiver. The analyst may continue the discussion with the TA/SA Chair and Committee to elaborate such circumstances and the TA/SA Chair may bring it to the EC for further discussion and final determination.

If the EC does not endorse the waiver, their reason and concerns are sent back to the TA/SA Committee.

The TA/SA Chair then contacts the analyst and the potential candidate with the result of this discussion. The analyst is invited to participate in the TA developmental track and encouraged to continue ongoing supervision/consultation.

If the analyst declines the offer to be considered for a waiver, the TA/SA Chair informs the potential candidate.