

| | Psychologist | Psychological Associate/ Psychologist | Psychiatrist | Family Physician | Social Worker | Psychotherapist |
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| Minimum Degree | PhD (Doctorate) | MA (Masters) | MD (Doctor of Medicine) | MD (Doctor of Medicine) | BSW (Bachelors with Honours) | BA (Bachelors) |
| Minimum Years of Healthcare Education | 8 years plus internship and Post-Doctorate supervised practice (residency) | 6 years plus supervised practice (residency) | 3-4 years of medical school plus residency in psychiatry | 3-4 years of medical school plus residency in family medicine | 4 years | 3 years plus clinical experience |
| College Registration | CPsych | CPsychAssoc or CPsych ¹ | RCPSC | CFPC | RSW | RP |
| Scope of Practice | Assessment of behavioural and mental conditions, the diagnosis of neuropsychological disorders and dysfunctions and psychotic, neurotic and personality disorders and dysfunctions and the prevention and treatment of behavioural and mental disorders and dysfunctions and the maintenance and enhancement of physical, intellectual, emotional, social and interpersonal functioning. | Assessment of behavioural and mental conditions, the diagnosis of neuropsychological disorders and dysfunctions and psychotic, neurotic and personality disorders and dysfunctions and the prevention and treatment of behavioural and mental disorders and dysfunctions and the maintenance and enhancement of physical, intellectual, emotional, social and interpersonal functioning. | Similar scope of practice to psychologists with additional prescribing privileges and ability to issue Form 1s. | Scope of practice focused on primary care with some family physicians having a special interest in psychotherapy. | Assesses, treats and evaluates individual, interpersonal and societal problems through the use of social work knowledge, skills, interventions and strategies, to assist individuals, dyads, families, groups, organizations and communities to achieve optimum psychosocial and social functioning. | Assessment and treatment of cognitive, emotional or behavioural disturbances by psychotherapeutic means, delivered through a therapeutic relationship based primarily on verbal or non-verbal communication. |
| Ability to diagnose | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No |

¹ The College of Psychologists of Ontario does not grant the title “Psychologist” at the Masters level. However, due to federal legislation, Masters level practitioners previously registered in other provinces with the title “Psychologist” are permitted to retain the title in Ontario, and to use the CPsych designation.