

Registered Psychologist Applicants

Educated outside Canada/USA

All documents referenced in this form can be found in the [Application Documents](#) section on the website or in the Applicant Portal.

The College welcomes psychology professionals who have trained and practiced outside of Canada and the United States and works to fairly and efficiently evaluate all applications to determine if they meet the standards for entry to practice in British Columbia.

Practice of Psychology: In British Columbia the title “psychologist” can only be used by professionals who are registered by the College of Health and Care Professionals of BC (CHCPBC), unless specifically exempted by regulation. The practice of psychology is defined by law as:

“Practice of psychology” includes, for a fee or reward, monetary or otherwise,

(a) The provision, to individuals, groups, organizations or the public, of any service involving the application of principles, methods and procedures of understanding, predicting and influencing behaviour, including the principles of learning, perception, motivation, thinking, emotion and interpersonal relationships,

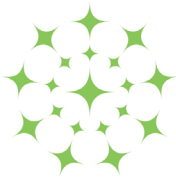
(b) The application of methods and procedures of interviewing, counselling, psychotherapy, behaviour therapy, behaviour modification, hypnosis or research, or

(c) The construction, administration and interpretation of tests of mental abilities, aptitudes, interests, opinions, attitudes, emotions, personality characteristics, motivations and psychophysiological characteristics, and the assessment or diagnosis of behavioural, emotional and mental disorder.

If you intend to practice psychology and to use the title “psychologist” in British Columbia you must apply for registration with CHCPBC, be approved by the College Registration Committee, and be granted a registration number.

Entry to Practice Standards

The standard for entry to practice as a Registered Psychologist in British Columbia is completion of a Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) or American Psychological Association (APA) accredited doctoral degree in psychology in residence and a CPA or APA accredited 12-month pre-doctoral internship, or the equivalent. You can find more information about doctoral program and internship requirements in Schedule 7, Table 1 of the College Bylaws, and detailed coursework information below. You can find more information about CPA and APA accreditation in the [Application Documents](#) section. For additional resources for applicants from outside Canada/USA, see Resources for Internationally Trained Professionals.



Starting the process before arriving in Canada

You can start the application process while outside Canada, including requesting applicant portal access to complete the application and submit the required documentation. Internationally trained applicants are required to complete the same steps to registration as other applicants who have not completed a CPA or APA accredited program.

You can complete the following steps prior to arriving in Canada:

1. Submission of application with the appropriate fee and required supporting documentation.
2. Submission of university transcripts.
3. Submission of credential evaluations.
4. Submission of police checks.
5. Examinations*

Verification and Translation of Credentials

Applicants trained outside Canada and the United States must provide documentation showing their degrees have been reviewed by an international credentialing agency acceptable to the Registration Committee and indicating the agency's evaluation of the equivalency between the applicant's foreign training and a Canadian degree.

CHCPBC will accept education credential assessments from an educational credential assessor designated by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada for [Education Credential Assessment](#).

Third Party Documentation

Required transcripts, verifications, certifications, police checks and other third-party documentation must be sent directly to the College by the third party. The College will accept required documentation in an electronic format directly from third parties via email to registration@chcpbc.org

Please note: The FBI and some police detachments will mail paper record checks directly to the College when the applicant requests that the check is sent to them "c/o CHCPBC" and uses the College mailing address. In circumstances where the police will only send paper copies to the applicant, applicants should forward the unopened envelope to the College when they receive it.

Proceeding to Examinations

Once a review of your education, training and experience has been completed and you are determined to have met those requirements, the Registration Committee will grant permission in writing to the applicant to proceed to the examination stage of the application process. *The Examination for the Professional Practice of Psychology (EPPP) can be taken at testing centres across the United States and Canada. The other



examinations (written jurisprudence exam and oral exam) are all offered online and can be completed virtually, at a distance. Completion of the examination stage is the final step before your application goes to the Registration Committee for a final decision on registration.

Please read through the following requirements to ensure your application package is complete:

REQUIREMENTS

1. Application Form

Complete the Application Form found on the [Applicant Portal](#)

2. Coursework requirements

The following coursework requirements apply for applicants who are graduates of non-CPA- or APA-accredited programs. Please note that 13 classroom contact hours = 1 semester credit hour. Colloquia and practica hours do not count towards the coursework requirements as set out below. First, the applicant must complete three (3) or more graduate level credits (13 classroom contact hours = 1 semester hour) in *each* of the 10 areas below. Secondly, the applicant must obtain six (6) or more graduate level credits in at least four (4) of the areas below. Coursework areas are as follows:

- Biological Bases of Behaviour (physiological psychology, comparative psychology, neuropsychology, sensation and perception, or psychopharmacology);
- Cognitive/Affective Bases of Behaviour (learning, cognition, motivation, or emotion);
- Social Bases of Behaviour (social psychology, group processes, community psychology, environmental psychology, or organizational and systems theory);
- Individual differences (personality theory, human development, abnormal, psychopathology);
- Ethics and standards in professional psychology;
- Research design and methodology (research design, experimental procedures, laboratory methods);
- Statistics (statistics, multivariate analysis);
- Psychometrics (measurement, test construction and validation);



- Professional practice: assessment (application of assessment techniques);
- Professional practice: intervention (application and theory of psychotherapy, counselling, behaviour modification).

Applicants not meeting the coursework requirements are encouraged to demonstrate equivalent competence, particularly in the areas of Biological Bases of Behaviour, Cognitive/Affective Bases of Behaviour, and/or Social Bases of Behaviour. The Registration Committee will review senior undergraduate courses in these areas, on a case-by-case basis, if requested by an applicant in response to a letter from the Registration Committee identifying deficits in required coursework. A maximum of two undergraduate courses may receive credit towards the coursework requirement. For unmet coursework requirements, the College may require completion of additional coursework or a demonstration of equivalent competence.

3. Criteria for Evaluating Programs of Study

Applicants from non-CPA/APA-accredited programs must submit a detailed description, in their own words, of how their doctoral program meets each of the criteria outlined in Schedule 7, Table 1, Part I, A-E of the College Bylaws. This must be submitted via *FORM A-RP Non-Accred Program* found in the Applicant Portal.

In addition, we encourage you to submit copies of the program catalogue and brochures, if available, published by the institution at the time you were enrolled in the program.

4. Pre-doctoral internship

If your pre-doctoral internship was not CPA/APA accredited, you must submit a detailed description, in your own words, of how your internship meets each of the criteria outlined in Schedule 7, Table 1, Part I, Section F of the College Bylaws. This must be submitted via *FORM B-RP Non-Accred Internship* found in the Applicant Portal.

5. Declaration of Area of Practice

For the purposes of registration one Area of Practice must be selected by applicants. A declaration of competence in an area of practice is a declaration by the applicant that he or she has the appropriate training, education, and experience (i.e., the tripartite requirement) in that area of psychology to be able to offer the wide range of activities and services within that area. Definitions of the recognized Areas of Practice are found in Schedule 7, Table 2 of the College Bylaws. The Registration Committee expects that a declaration in an area of practice will be consistent with the graduate program completed and subsequent internship. If the declared area of practice is different from either what is documented on the transcript or the attestation provided by the program training director, the applicant may be required to document competence in that area to the Registration Committee. Consistent with other psychology regulatory bodies in North America, the College does not offer specialty licenses to Registered Psychologists in any



practice area.

6. References

Applicants should identify three referees who are registered/licensed psychologists in good standing for the past two years, and who have supervised the applicant's work, one of whom is the internship director. All three referees should have supervised the applicant's current clinical work, i.e., work within the five-year period immediately preceding the application.

For reference purposes, a retired referee will be considered registered or licensed for a given application if he or she retired within five years of the applicant's date of application for registration, and was registered or licensed for at least two years, in good standing, immediately prior to the date of his or her retirement.

7. Criminal Records Check

All applicants must undergo an [online criminal record review](#) through the provincial government's Criminal Record Review Program (CRRP) using the access code GDM74JX5TR.

If you live in another Canadian province or territory and do not have a physical BC Services Card, you can still set up the [BC Services Card Login](#) and submit an [online criminal record check](#) using the access code GDM74JX5TR. You will need two pieces of [government-issued ID](#) to verify your identity.

Applicants who are unable to use the BC Services Card Login can still submit their request to conduct their [criminal record check](#) online using the access code GDM74JX5TR. Click [here](#) to learn more about the process launched by the CRRP. For this option, you must upload two pieces of [notarized](#) government-issued ID to your CHCPBC Applicant Portal; see option 3 [here](#) for a list of CRRP accepted ID.

The College does not accept shared results of a criminal record check previously completed with the Criminal Records Review Program for another organization.

8. National Police Check(s)

Applicants must submit original documentation providing the results of a national police check or the equivalent for every jurisdiction in which the applicant resided during the five-year period immediately before the date of application, if it is not reasonably practicable to obtain such documentation for the applicable Jurisdiction, a letter of explanation is required and will go before the Registration Committee. For Canadian jurisdictions, the check must be completed by the police or RCMP. For US jurisdictions, the check must be completed by the FBI. For all other jurisdictions, a national check must be completed by the police or an equivalent authority. Each check must be the most comprehensive check available in terms of coverage of records checked. Applicants must arrange for completed police check(s) to be sent directly to the College.



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9. Certificates of Standing

The College requires verification of licensure and registration status from all jurisdictions in which an applicant has a previous or current application for psychology licensure or license to practice another health profession or is currently, or was previously, licensed or registered as a psychologist or other health professional. The Verification of Licensure and Registration Status form must be sent directly to the College from other licensing boards.

Applicants are also expected to request that verification of status be sent directly to the College for any Certificate of Professional Qualification issued by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB), any present listing with the Canadian Register of Health Service Providers (CRHSPP), and/or any present listing with the National Register of Health Service Psychologists (NRHSP).

10. Supervision Plan

Applicants currently providing, or planning to provide, psychological services in BC during the application period, are asked to submit a supervision plan, cosigned by the Registered Psychologist supervisor, including the name of the supervisor who has agreed to provide supervision and a description of proposed arrangements. The supervisor will complete a short form at the time the applicant completes their last exam to confirm that the supervision took place according to the plan submitted.

11. Transcripts

Request original and final transcripts for all undergraduate and graduate training to be sent directly from the university to CHCPBC. The transcripts should be electronically sent directly from the degree-granting institution to: registration@chcpbc.org.

Applicants whose transcripts are not in English must submit translated and notarized copies of their transcripts, in addition to the original transcripts.

For applicants who have completed all the requirements for their degree but who have not convoked by the date of the application, the Registration Committee will accept a letter from the Senate of the university, Director of Clinical Training of the program or other designated official from the Department of Psychology, attesting that the applicant has completed all the requirements of the degree.

An original transcript indicating that the degree has been awarded is required prior to registration and placement on the College Register. The specific program completed (e.g.,



Clinical Psychology, Counselling Psychology) must be listed on the transcript or a letter must be sent directly from the department chair or training director to the College attesting that a specific program was completed by the applicant.

12. Curriculum Vitae

Upload the most recent copy of your curriculum vitae to the Applicant Portal.

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14. Fee

Refer to [CHCPBC Bylaws](#), Schedule 1: Fees.