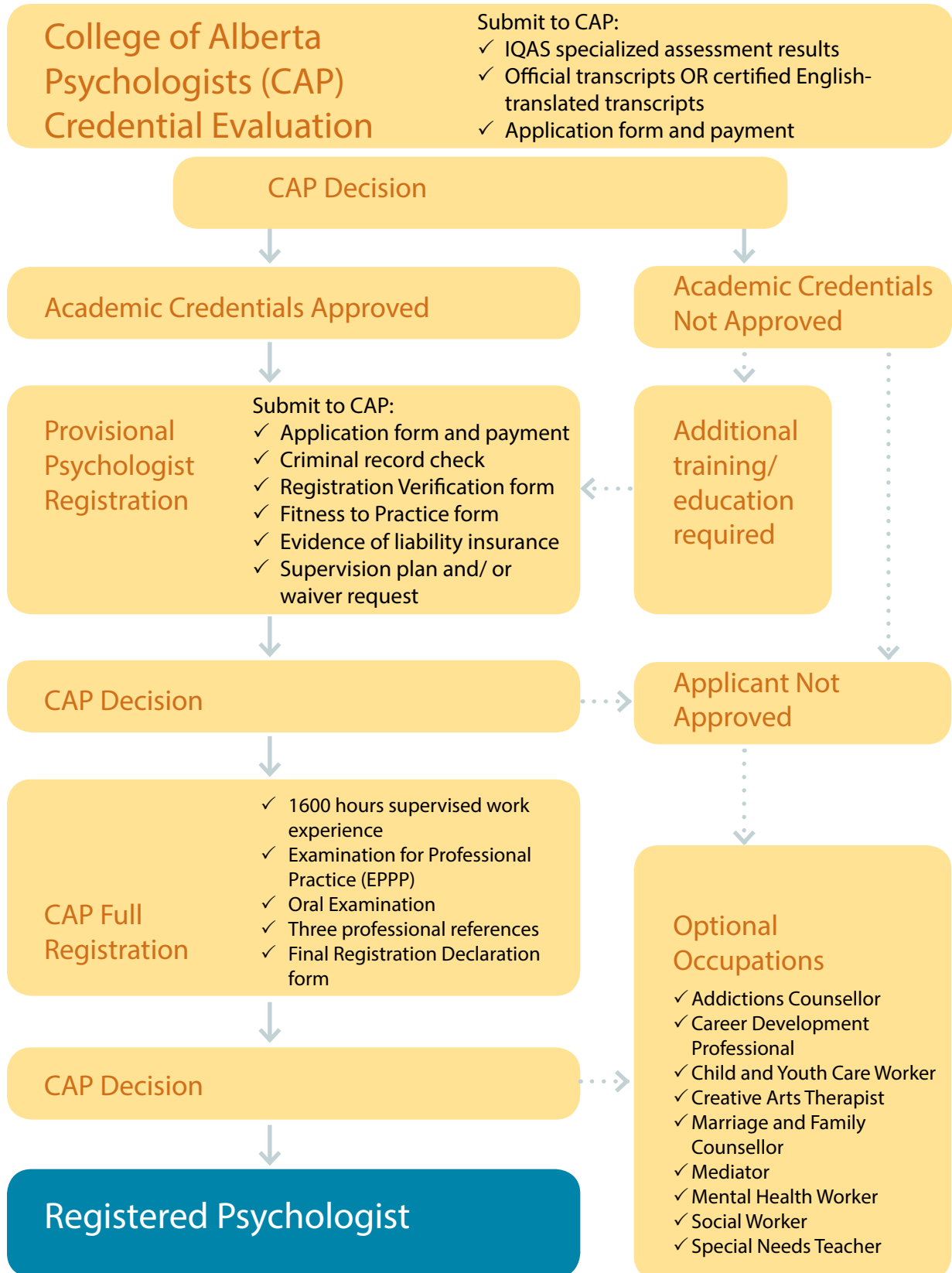


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Description of Occupation

Psychologists assess, diagnose and treat psychological, emotional and behavioural issues. They usually specialize in a certain area and may work as a Clinical/Counselling Psychologist, an Educational/School Psychologist, an Industrial/Organizational Psychologist, a Forensic Psychologist, a Health Psychologist, a Neuropsychology Psychologist or a Rehabilitation Psychologist.

Obtaining Registration in Alberta

To become a psychologist in Alberta, you must register with the College of Alberta Psychologists (CAP). CAP will first evaluate your academic credentials. Once your academic credentials have been approved, you may apply to register as a provisional psychologist. You must first be approved as a provisional psychologist before you can begin the process to become a Registered Psychologist.

Links to application forms and contact information for the College of Alberta Psychologists (CAP) can be found at the end of this document.

Residency Requirement

There is no residency requirement to begin your application for registration as a psychologist in Alberta. However, you will need to live in Alberta to complete the application process after your credentials are approved.

Registration Requirements

Internationally educated psychologists must meet the following requirements:

Academic Credentials

You must have a master's degree in psychology or a master's degree that is substantially equivalent to a master's degree in psychology in order to register as a psychologist in Alberta.

If you were educated outside of Canada and the United States, you must have your academic credentials assessed by the International Qualifications Assessment Service (IQAS). For details on how to obtain an IQAS specialized assessment and to download an application, visit the IQAS website at the address provided at the end of this document.

After you have received your IQAS assessment, you must submit the following to CAP:

- Original IQAS specialized assessment
- Completed application form
- Application fee
- Thesis abstract if you completed a thesis-based graduate degree
- Official transcripts or notarized, certified translations of your transcripts from all educational institutions listed on your application form. Official transcripts must be mailed to CAP directly from your educational institution while certified copies can be included with your application form.

Ethics and Standards Course

All applicants who have completed a graduate degree outside of Canada or the United States will be required to complete an Ethics and Standards course which focuses on the ethical guidelines of the Canadian Psychological Association (CPA).

English Language

You are required to take the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) English language proficiency test unless:

- your highest degree was obtained in English;
- you completed a minimum of two (2) years of undergraduate education (in any field) in English; or
- you have a high school diploma, with English as the language of instruction.

All other internationally educated applicants must have taken the IELTS **academic version** within 24 months of application and achieved a minimum score of 7.0 in each component.

Provisional Psychologist

After CAP has approved your academic credentials, you can begin the process to register as a provisional psychologist (which means you are in the process of completing your full registration). You will need to submit the following:

- Application form
- Application fee
- Annual dues for provisional psychologists
- Criminal records check
- Registration Verification form
- Fitness to Practice declaration form
- Evidence of liability insurance coverage
- Completed supervision plan and/or waiver request form

Work Experience

A. Provisional psychologists must complete 1600 hours of practice under the supervision of a Registered Psychologist who has been approved by CAP's Registration Approvals Sub-Committee (RASC). Of those 1600 hours:

- A minimum of 50 per cent and a maximum of 75 per cent must be spent in service delivery (any client activity)
- A maximum of 400 hours may be dedicated to professional activities such as research and evaluation, teaching, supervision, administration and consultation
- A minimum of 400 hours must be dedicated to interventions

Your 1600 hours must begin after you have applied for registration and the RASC has approved your supervision plan.

B. If you are registered as a psychologist in your home jurisdiction, you may apply as an internationally trained psychologist (ITP) to have previously completed work experience considered in your application.

As an ITP, you must have been registered/licensed for independent practice and in good standing as a psychologist for a minimum of two (2) years in your home jurisdiction in order to have the 1600 hours of supervised practice waived.

ITP applicants may request to be placed on the provisional psychologist register while completing the registration requirements (the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology and the Oral Examination in Psychology). As a provisional psychologist, you will be required to practice under supervision and follow the Standards of Supervision Form B (available on the CAP website).

When you have been approved as a provisional psychologist, you can then continue the process to become a fully registered psychologist with CAP.

Examinations

After you have been approved as a provisional psychologist or an ITP applicant, you must take two (2) examinations, which can be taken at any time:

- The Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) covers eight (8) content areas: biological bases of behaviour; cognitive-affective bases of behaviour; social and cultural bases of behaviour; growth and life-span development; assessment and diagnosis; treatment, intervention, prevention and supervision; research methods and statistics; and ethical/ legal/professional issues.

To take this exam, you are required to submit the application form and fee to CAP. CAP will then provide you with instructions to apply for this exam.

- The Oral Examination is a formal process conducted by a panel of psychologists to assess whether you demonstrate a minimum standard of knowledge and judgment in matters of jurisprudence and ethics.

You must submit the application form and fee for this exam to CAP.

Final Review

Upon completion of the 1600 hours of work experience and/or examinations, you must submit:

- Final Registration Declaration form
- Three (3) professional references

Registered Psychologist

If you meet the requirements, you will be registered as a Registered Psychologist.

Payment

Please see the [Fee Schedule](#) on the CAP website for the most up-to-date fees. Fees there are listed in Canadian dollars and are subject to change.

Average Earnings

The overall average earnings for all Psychologists, according to the Alberta 2013 Wage and Salary survey:

Average hours worked per week	33.3
Average wage per hour	\$54.03
Average salary per year	\$90,799

Employment Options

You can also consider working in Alberta in related occupations such as Addictions Counsellor, Career Development Professional, Child and Youth Care Worker, Creative Arts Therapist, Marriage and Family Counsellor, Mediator, Mental Health Worker, Psychiatrist, Social Worker or Special Needs Teacher.

For more information about additional employment options, go to the following website: [Alberta Learning Information Service \(ALIS\) Occupational Profiles — Psychologist \(www.alis.alberta.ca/occinfo\)](http://www.alis.alberta.ca/occinfo).

Contact Information

College of Alberta Psychologists (CAP)
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10123-99 Street NW
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 3H1
Telephone: 780-424-5070
Toll-free: 1-800-659-0857
Email: registration@cap.ab.ca
Website: www.cap.ab.ca

Resources

This information is an overview of the registration process. For the most current information on registering as a psychologist in Alberta, visit the College of Alberta Psychologists' website at www.cap.ab.ca.

Application Forms and Information:

[Information for Internationally Educated Applicants](#)
[Application for Evaluation of your Credentials](#)
[Provisional Psychologist Registration Forms](#)
[Mobility](#)

Academic Credentials:

[International Qualifications Assessment Service \(IQAS\)](#)

Examinations:

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Fees:

[Fee Schedule](#)