

## Psychology Training

### North American Applicants

The typical applicant for registration with the College of Psychologists of BC is a graduate of a doctoral program in professional psychology (clinical or counselling). For psychology students training in Canada and the United States, the Registration Committee recommends that they complete training accredited by the Canadian Psychological Association or the American Psychological Association (CPA/APA).

In British Columbia, there are four CPA/APA accredited training programs.

Institution	Department	Program	Degree
University of British Columbia	Psychology	Clinical Psychology	Ph.D.
University of British Columbia	Educational and Counselling Psychology and Special Education	Counselling Psychology	Ph.D.
University of Victoria	Psychology	Clinical Psychology	Ph.D.
Simon Fraser University	Psychology	Clinical Psychology	Ph.D.

Applicants who have graduated from a CPA- or APA-accredited program will automatically meet registration requirements for program characteristics and coursework. Successful registration will also depend on a suitable 1600 hour, pre-doctoral internship, references, police and criminal record checks and examinations as required by the Registration Committee. Applicants who have not completed CPA/APA accredited training can expect additional questions from the Registration Committee as it assesses how the applicant's training meets the registration requirements.

### International Applicants

The College receives applications from persons who have trained at universities all over the world. The Registration Requirements booklet outlines the criteria by which non-CPA/APA accredited training programs are evaluated and provides resources for applicants from training programs outside Canada and the United States, including the name and contact information of organizations who review foreign training to determine equivalence.

For more information about psychology training, please visit the Canadian Psychological Association ([www.cpa.ca](http://www.cpa.ca)) and American Psychological Association ([www.apa.org](http://www.apa.org)). Information regarding the College and requirements for registration can be found on the College website ([www.collegeofpsychologists.bc.ca](http://www.collegeofpsychologists.bc.ca))