



# Psychological Association of Manitoba Degree Requirements

1. Eligible graduate degrees for registration must be clearly identified and labelled as degrees in Psychology where the purpose of the degree is to prepare graduates to practice in the regulated profession of Psychology as providers of psychological services. Graduate professional psychology training programs that are accredited by the Canadian Psychology Association (CPA) are recognized as meeting the criteria for eligibility for registration in Manitoba.
2. The graduate degree must be from a regionally-accredited institution of higher education.

**Psy. D Applicants:** Psy.D. programs that are based in a private university within Canada, and not based in a public university, are eligible to apply for registration if both conditions are met: (1) the private university is sanctioned as a degree granting institution by the province or territory where it is based, and (2) the program is either CPA accredited or is accepted by Council as fully equivalent to CPA accredited.

3. Graduate professional psychology training programs that are accredited by the Canadian Psychology Association are recognized as meeting the criteria for eligibility in Manitoba.
4. Online or hybrid graduate programs (i.e., programs that do not have at least 12 months of continuous full-time resident graduate study) are not eligible for registration unless accredited by either the Canadian Psychological Association or the American Psychological Association (APA).

Applicants from doctoral programs (from degree granting institutions sanctioned by the province or territory where it is based) that do not meet the one-year residency requirement because the program in psychology uses a distance education format (online or hybrid) must come from programs that have either CPA or APA accreditation. Council may, at its discretion, accept programs based on distance education that are determined to be equivalent to a program with CPA accreditation only if the following conditions are met: (1) the graduate coursework covers the same core and professional content areas as defined by the CPA accreditation standards, (2) supervision of professional experience in practica must be by psychological service providers registered for independent practice and responsible for the trainee's cases and not less than 50% of this supervision must be face-to-face and in-person, and (3) the program involves training in research methodology and statistical analysis, the principles of science, and the completion of a scholarly or research project leading to a thesis or dissertation reviewed by an academic advisory committee.

5. Applicants must have completed coursework in the Core Content Areas of Psychology through either one half-course (3-credit hours) at the graduate level or through one full-course or two half-courses (6 credits hours) at the senior undergraduate level.
  - Biological Bases of Behaviour.
  - Cognitive-Affective Bases of Behaviour.
  - Individual differences, growth, and lifespan development.
  - Social and Cultural Bases of Behaviour.
  - History and Systems in Psychology.
  - Foundations of Psychopharmacology (optional).
6. Registration in the Field of Practice of Neuropsychology requires additional Core Content Areas of Psychology:
  - Functional neuroanatomy.
  - Neurological and related disorders, including their etiology, pathology, course, and treatment.
  - Non-neurologic conditions affecting central nervous system (CNS) functioning.
  - Neuroimaging and other neurodiagnostic techniques.
  - Neurochemistry of behavior (e.g., psychopharmacology).
  - Neuropsychology of behavior.
7. All applicants must have at least one half-course (3 credit hours) at the graduate level, in each of these Functional Competencies of psychological practice.
  - Research
  - Professional ethics and standards



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8. All applicants must have at least two half-courses or equivalent (6 credit hours) at the graduate level and that were taught by a registered psychology practitioner in each of these Functional Competencies of psychological practice:
  - Psychological assessment and diagnosis
  - Psychological intervention
9. Some applicants will have coursework in the following Functional Competencies. Coursework in these areas at the graduate level is not required for registration for independent practice, but any coursework in these areas will be used when approving these specific practice areas at the time of registration:
  - Consultation
  - Program development and evaluation
  - Supervision
10. Applicants for registration for independent practice as psychological services providers with CPMB must come from graduate programs that incorporate the principles of science and which include direct experience in research. This requirement must involve a research advisor who assists the student in developing and executing a research project that leads to a research paper that the student writes and has approved by their graduate program.
  - In the case of an MA graduate degree, this research project would be a Master's Thesis or equivalent.
  - In the case of a doctoral degree, the minimum requirement for registration is a doctoral dissertation or equivalent in the area of psychology.
11. Applicants for registration for independent practice as psychological service providers with CPMB must come from graduate programs that incorporate supervised training in the provision of psychological services and which directly address the above Functional Competencies. This training must be in the form of practica or equivalent that are required, approved, and monitored by the graduate program. The supervision of these practica must be by psychological service providers who are registered for independent practice by the official regulatory body for psychology in the jurisdiction where the services take place.
  - In the case of Master's degree programs, a minimum of 100 hours of direct client contact and 50 hours of individual supervision is required.
  - In the case of doctoral degree programs, a minimum of 300 hours of direct client contact and 150 hours of individual supervision is required.
12. **Supervision guidelines:** At least 75% of the supervision referred to in item 11 must be individual and the rest could be group supervision.

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