

Psychological Practice Profile Instructions

For the purposes of registration, applicants are asked to declare their area of intended practice in psychology via the Psychological Practice Profile.

Please note the following:

- When completing all areas of this form, please bear in mind that NSRP wants to know what you are either doing presently or what you are planning to do in the very near future. We are neither asking about activities in the more distant future nor asking for you to declare all that you could do. However, in future, other activities and populations could be added to one's profile, provided one has relevant training and experience.
- With applicants to the profession, the current policy of NSRP is that the area of practice being declared must be identified by the program of study. This generally means that the applied area of practice declared by an applicant must be consistent with the area stated on the transcript, e.g. Clinical Psychology, Counselling Psychology, School Psychology, etc.; or the area should be consistent with the title of the program identified by the university or through programmatic accreditation of the program (e.g. CPA Accredited Program in Counselling Psychology).
- However, given that there are fewer programs specifically titled as “Forensic Psychology”, NSRP will look at the educational preparation of the applicant beyond the transcript or programmatic accreditation, to see whether one’s program of study and training and experience has offered adequate concentration in Forensic Psychology and to ensure that appropriate supervision related to Forensic Psychology will be available to the candidate.

Specific Instructions for Completion of Psychological Practice Profile

Part A asks about your employment status and setting(s). Please indicate whether your employment status is full or part time. Those working part time please indicate how many hours per week. Then check the applicable practice setting (s) in which you are employed.

Part B of the Psychological Practice Profile asks you to check the area(s)* of your psychological practice and estimate the percentage of time you spend working in this area. For instance, if you spend five days per week working in Clinical Psychology, you would check #1 and indicate 100% for Clinical Psychology.

*In some cases, a registrant may have more than one area of practice, though this would be relatively rare for those on the Register of Candidates. The total percentage of time should add up to 100%.

Part C of the Psychological Practice Profile asks you to indicate the activities and services you provide within the area(s) of practice indicated in Part B. For instance, if your Clinical Psychology work involves Consultation, Assessment/Evaluation, and Intervention/Treatment with Adults you would enter #1 in the appropriate boxes for Adults. Likewise, if you complete Formal Research with adults, you would enter #1 in

the box corresponding to Research and Adults. The categories are organizational tools, not exhaustive definitions; use your judgment about the best fit for a given activity.

Some Clarifications

Should clarification be desired regarding *psychological practice definitions*, it can be obtained from the NSRP's website via the following link:

https://ns-rp.ca/downloads/Appropriate_Practice_Areas.pdf

Within the category of *Administration*, NSRP is asking about time spent on management, administration, or system development activities that draw on your psychology knowledge, skills, and judgment. This includes managing or leading a psychological service unit or program, but also extends to activities such as developing policy, contributing to organizational planning, and serving in an advisory or leadership role within a health or human services context — where these are related to the practice of psychology. General clerical work (such as completing paperwork related to an assessment) should be assigned to the corresponding activity category rather than Administration. For instance, if you are completing paperwork in relation to some assessments you have completed, this should be entered in the *Assessment* category.

Within the category of *Consultation*, NSRP is asking about time spent providing psychology-informed input or advice to others — including health professionals, educators, organizations, employers, courts, or other bodies — where you are acting in your capacity as a psychologist. For instance, consulting with a physician about a patient's presentation, advising a school on a student's needs, or providing expert input to an organization on a psychological matter would all fall within this category. The time spent in these activities would be entered under *Consultation*.

With the category of *Assessment*, NSRP is interested in the time you spend completing both psychometric assessment and non-psychometric assessment function, i.e., in order to provide an understanding which informs a practical plan of action.

Within the category of *Formal Research*, NSRP is interested in capturing the time you spend completing formal research work (versus the time spent developing and maintaining competence). Time spent developing and maintaining competence, etc. should be captured but assigned to the corresponding activity category. For example, time spent reviewing literature on interventions would be entered in the *Intervention/Treatment* category.

The category of Academic (teaching psychology) refers to work in a formal academic position.

Any questions on the above, a broader definition of the practice of psychology can be found in the [Psychology Regulations](#), [Practice Standards](#), and [Core Competencies](#).

PSYCHOLOGICAL PRACTICE PROFILE

A. Please affirm your overall employment status and all practice setting (s).

Overall I am employed: Full-time Part-time Not currently working

If employed part-time, how many hours per week do you average?: _____

In the area below, please check the applicable practice setting(s) in which you are employed.

Private Practice	Community Agency	Hospital	School
Counselling Centre	University/College	Government	Other

B. In the area below, select the applicable area(s) of your psychological practice¹ and indicate the percentage of your time spent working in the area(s).

1. Clinical Psychology		5. Industrial/ Organizational Psychology	
2. Counselling Psychology		6. Clinical Neuropsychology	
3. School Psychology			
4. Forensic/ Correctional Psychology			

C. Once you have indicated your area(s) of practice, use the corresponding numbers to identify in the below table the activities and services you provide and the clients to whom you provide these services.

Clients	Administration	Consultation	Assessment/ Evaluation	Intervention/ Treatment	Formal Research	Academic (teaching psychology)
Children						
Adolescents						
Adults						
Elderly						
Families						
Couples						
Organizations						

_____ Print Name

_____ Date

_____ Registrant's Signature

¹ The NSRP recognizes that subspecialty areas of practice are evolving (e.g. Health Psychology, etc.) but such areas should correspond with the broader practice areas (e.g. Clinical Psychology).