## HOW DO I BECOME A

## **PSYCHOLOGIST?**

- 1. Complete an undergraduate degree in Psychology (or equivalent).
  - To explore how your Seneca diploma may pathway into this degree, please review the <u>Degree Transfer Guide</u>.
- 2. Complete a Master's Degree in Psychology.
- 3. Complete a Doctoral Degree in Psychology.
- 4. Register with the College of Psychologists of Ontario for a Supervised Practice certificate.
  - o Complete at least 1,500 hours of formal supervised experience.
  - Pass the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) within one year of receiving certificate.
- 5. Register with the College of Psychologists of Ontario for an Autonomous Practice certificate. To obtain the Ontario for an Autonomous Practice certificate you must:
  - Pass the College of Psychologists of Ontario's Jurisprudence and Ethics Examination (JEE).
  - Pass the College of Psychologists of Ontario's Oral Examination.

#### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR MASTER'S DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY

## Requirements vary by institution. Common requirements:

- Undergraduate degree (Honours) in Psychology or equivalent Some institutions require a certain number of courses/specific courses in Psychology (e.g., Statistics) and/or the completion of an undergraduate thesis.
- > Competitive GPA (usually 3.7 (A- or 80%) or higher) *Note: Minimum GPA requirements* vary and most applicants have GPAs that are significantly higher than the minimum.
- > General Graduate Record Examination (GRE).
- Statement of Interest / Statement of Intent / Personal Essay.
- > Letter(s) of Recommendation (usually 2-3 academic).
- > Resume/Curriculum Vitae (CV).
- > Admissions Interview.

Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.

#### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR DOCTORAL DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY

# Requirements vary by institution. Common requirements:

- Undergraduate degree (Honours) in Psychology or equivalent
- > Master's degree in Psychology
- > Competitive GPA (usually 3.7 (A- or 80%) or higher) Note: Minimum GPA requirements vary and most applicants have GPAs that are significantly higher than the minimum.

#### Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.

Note: Based on Ontario requirements.

If you have more questions, book an appointment with a Pathways Advisor: <a href="https://seneca.mywconline.com">https://seneca.mywconline.com</a>

This tip sheet aims to ensure accuracy; however, it is your responsibility to confirm all requirements.

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