

	Psychiatrist	Primary Care Physician	Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner	Psychologist	Therapist, Counselor, Social Worker
Level of education	Doctorate	Doctorate	Master's	Doctorate	Master's
Degree	MD or DO	MD or DO	PMHNP	PhD or PsyD	LCSW, MFT, or LPC
Education	- 4 years of medical school - 4 years of residency specializing in psychiatry	- 4 years of medical school - 3 years of residency in family medicine or internal medicine	- 2 years of master's program	- 4-8 years of psychology doctoral program	- 2 years of master's program - 2 years of clinical supervision before licensure
Total years of training after bachelor's degree	8	7	2	4-8	2-4
Clinical Training Hours (approximate)	17,000	15,000	600	3000	3000
Can perform psychotherapy	Yes	No	Some	Yes	Yes
Can order labs	Yes	Yes	Varies state by state, may require physician supervision	No	No
Can prescribe medications	Yes	Yes	Varies state by state, may require physician supervision	Only in Iowa, Idaho, New Mexico, and Louisiana	No