

14 Clinical Psychologist

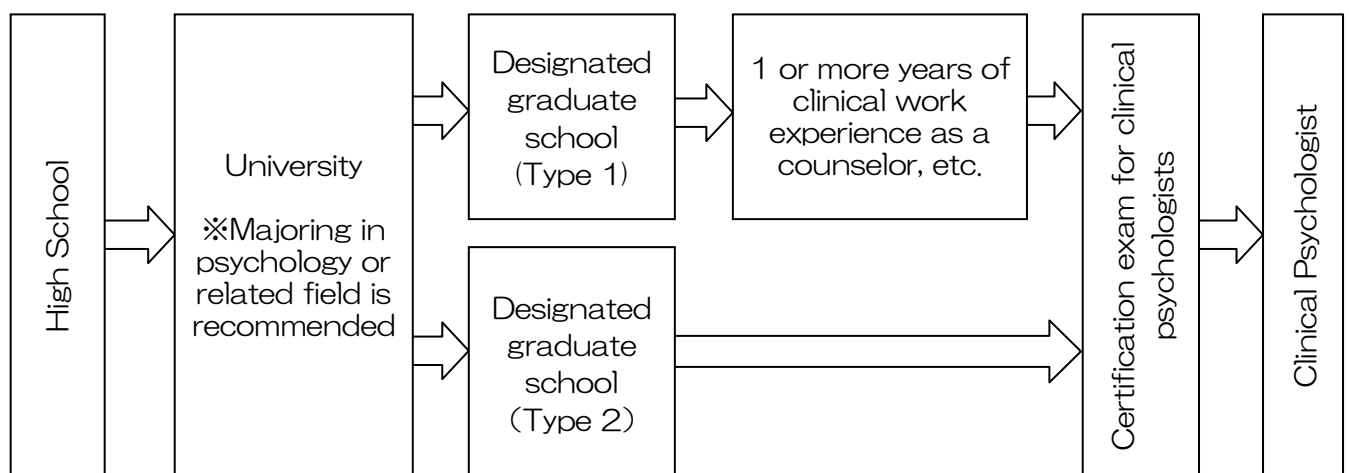


Clinical psychologists, also known as “counselors,” “psychotherapists,” and “psychological assessment staff,” provide advice and support for people who suffer from mental illness. This profession is especially necessary to help people deal with the stressful and hectic nature of modern society.

When working to find solutions to the problems that clients face, clinical psychologists must draw on life experience, be empathetic and maintain mental flexibility in order to establish trust and avoid making assumptions about the client.

There is a need for clinical psychologists who can address the needs of non-Japanese residents who cannot speak Japanese.

Becoming a clinical psychologist:



Prepare now:

Clinical psychologists in Japan must graduate from university and have excellent Japanese language skills. It is important that you work to improve your Japanese and native language skills early.

Job prospects:

Clinical psychologists can work in variety of contexts. Some work in educational institutions as school counselors. Others work at medical institutions like hospitals, mental health clinics and public health centers. There are also psychologists in the justice system who work in domestic courts or for the police. Public welfare institutions like child counseling centers and welfare centers also hire psychologists. Finally, psychologists can do health management work for private companies. However, many clinical psychologists are not hired full time. Average yearly salary for clinical psychologists ranges from 3 million to 5 million yen.

Tuition:

Tuition at a public university can cost upwards of 2.4 million yen over 4 years. Tuition at a private university can cost upwards of 4 million yen over 4 years. Tuition at a designated graduate school can cost from 1.4 to 1.7 million yen or more over 2 years.