

Comparing Mental Health Providers in California

Professional Title	Related Acronyms	Governing Board	Provided Services
Psychiatrist	MD DO	Medical Board of CA Osteopathic Medical Board of CA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Diagnosis - Prescribe medication - Some do psychotherapy
Psychologist	PsyD PhD	Board of Psychology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Diagnosis - Psychotherapy - Psychological Testing
Marriage and Family Therapist	LMFT AMFT MFTT	Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Diagnosis - Psychotherapy
Clinical Social Worker	LCSW ACSW MSW I, MSW II	Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Diagnosis - Psychotherapy - Connecting individuals with social services
Professional Clinical Counselor	LPCC APCC	Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Diagnosis - Psychotherapy
Licensed Educational Psychologist	LEP	Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Testing for learning disabilities or other issues that may affect learning - Counseling to support academic success