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Psychology: M.A., clinical psychology and RCI registration

Investigate the route from a B.A. or B.Sc. in Psychology to clinical psychology: the RCI Master in Clinical Psychology, the older M.Phil, and the Central Rehabilitation Register that decides who may practise.

At a glance

For you	— Choose a qualification Choose your degree on the Explore page to see what the sources say for you.
Cost	✓ 7 sourced There is no fee for a fresh CRR number, renewal or add-on qualification.
Stipend	✓ 1 statement Selected M.Phil candidates at CIP Ranchi get a scholarship of Rs. 25,000 per month.
Timetable	✓ 1 sourced The programme is a full-time clinical training course of two academic years, with 80% minimum attendance each year.
Admission	✓ 14 sourced RCI lists a two-year Master in Clinical Psychology (M.Clin.Psy.) among its regular-mode programmes.

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Cost, pay and hours

As sourced

1 **Extra cost** **7 sourced**

There is no fee for a fresh CRR number, renewal or add-on qualification.

Basis:

Indian rupees | One-off | Fresh CRR number, renewal and add-on qualification

Excludes Fees listed separately for pre-CRR (Rs 100), late registration (Rs 500), Good Standing Certificate (Rs 1500)

Scope:

RCI CRR norms effective from 14.10.2025.

Note:

Does not apply to everyone; see the pre-CRR fee finding.

Fresh graduate or postgraduate students can register for pre-CRR for Rs 100.

Basis:

Indian rupees | One-off | Pre-CRR registration while on a Council-recognised course

Scope:

RCI CRR norms effective from 14.10.2025.

Note:

- RCI says colleges that push data to RCI will not charge even this
- Whether a given college does is not stated.

If the pre-CRR is not applied for within three months of the course start, the CRR application fee is Rs. 500.

Basis:

Indian rupees | One-off | CRR registration application fee after missing the pre-CRR window

Scope:

RCI CRR norms effective from 14.10.2025.

Note:

No other registration fee is printed on the page.

A Good Standing Certificate from RCI costs Rs. 1500, paid online.

Basis:

Indian rupees | One-off | Good Standing Certificate

Scope:

RCI CRR norms effective from 14.10.2025.

Note:

Not needed for first registration.

If CRR is not renewed in time, a penalty of Rs 100 per month of delay applies, up to Rs 5000.

Basis:

Indian rupees | Per month | Penalty for gap in CRR registration or renewal

Scope:

RCI CRR norms effective from 14.10.2025.

Note:

Renewal also needs 100 CRE points, as the page states separately.

Entrance exam fee at CIP Ranchi 2025 was Rs.1000 for Unreserved and EWS candidates.

Basis:

Indian rupees | One-off | Entrance exam application fee, Unreserved and EWS | Excludes Transactional charges | Not refunded

Scope:

- CIP Ranchi PG entrance 2025 (session starting 02.06.2025).
- CIP states adverts come in October-November.

Note:

Tuition or hostel fees are not stated in this prospectus.

IGNOU's MA in Psychology (MAPC) fee is Rs 10,500 per year for national students, with exam fees extra.

Basis:

Indian rupees | Per year | MAPC programme fee, national students | Excludes Exam fees decided by the University

Scope:

IGNOU MAPC page checked on 31 October 2026; programme is ODL, not offered to international students.

Note:

The page does not say whether it leads to RCI registration.

2 **Pay** 1 sourced

Selected M.Phil candidates at CIP Ranchi get a scholarship of Rs. 25,000 per month.

Basis:

Indian rupees | Per month

Scholarship (called Group A) for selected candidates in the 2025 entrance

Scope:

- CIP Ranchi PG entrance 2025 (session starting 02.06.2025).
- CIP states adverts come in October-November.

Note:

Not a salary and not confirmed for any later cycle.

3 **Timetable & attendance** 1 sourced

The programme is a full-time clinical training course of two academic years, with 80% minimum attendance each year.

Scope:

RCI guideline effective from Academic Session 2024-25.

Note:

Does not state weekly hours or stipend.

⚠ Reality check

From the sources

The work

- RCI says the Master in Clinical Psychology trains clinicians, teachers and trainers, researchers and administrators in mental health, and that it replaced the two-year M.Phil after UGC discontinued M.Phil programmes.
- Not established: the day-to-day work of a working psychologist.

Entry requirements

- RCI's two-year Master in Clinical Psychology asks for a four-year B.A. or B.Sc. degree in Psychology with at least 55% in aggregate (50% for SC/ST), and a three-year Psychology graduate may qualify through a Bridge Course.
- Only this RCI programme names B.A. or B.Sc., and only in Psychology.
- The sources read do not say whether other M.A. Psychology routes lead to RCI registration.

Trade-offs to consider

- The RCI says UGC discontinued the M.Phil, yet CIP Ranchi and a hospital advertisement still use it, and the position of M.Phil holders is not settled in the sources read.
- Not established: pay of working psychologists, M.Clin.Psy. tuition fees and hours.

Skills & employers

From the sources

Skills to investigate

Psychology | Clinical training | Research methods

Institutions named in sources

- Central Institute of Psychiatry, Ranchi
- Indira Gandhi National Open University
- University of Delhi
- Amrita Hospital, Kochi

Examples in cited pages, not a hiring list.

Study or credential needed

Under the RCI Act, no person other than an enrolled rehabilitation professional with a recognised qualification may practise as a rehabilitation professional in India.

Scope:
Rehabilitation Council of India Act 1992, Section 13(2).

Note:
- Section 13(2A) exempts some doctors/paramedics of government-funded hospitals
- Psychiatrists are named there.

Clinical Psychologists are one of the listed categories of rehabilitation professional registered in the Central Rehabilitation Register.

Scope:
RCI CRR norms effective from 14.10.2025.

Note:
The page does not list which courses are recognised; see the RCI regular-mode programme page.

RCI says only persons with valid, active registration may practise as rehabilitation professionals.

Scope:
RCI CRR norms effective from 14.10.2025.

Note:
- Does not say whether a title such as 'psychologist' alone is restricted
- It covers practice as a rehabilitation professional.

CRR registration and renewal are valid for seven years.

Scope:
RCI CRR norms effective from 14.10.2025.

Note:
Registration fee itself is nil.

How admission works

14 sourced

RCI lists a two-year Master in Clinical Psychology (M.Clin.Psy.) among its regular-mode programmes.

Source: Rehabilitation Council of India ↗

Scope:
RCI regular-mode programme list read on 31 October 2026.

Not established:
The page row shows duration and curriculum links, not eligibility;.

RCI also still lists a two-year M.Phil (Clinical Psychology) in its regular-mode programmes.

Source: Rehabilitation Council of India ↗

Scope:
RCI regular-mode programme list read on 31 October 2026.

Not established:
Listing does not say any institution is admitting to it in 2026-27.

RCI lists a four-year Bachelor in Clinical Psychology (B.Clin.Psy.).

Source: Rehabilitation Council of India ↗

Scope:
RCI regular-mode programme list read on 31 October 2026.

Not established:
Eligibility is in the separate B.Clin.Psy. guideline.

Entry to the RCI Master in Clinical Psychology needs a four-year B.A./B.Sc. degree in Psychology with at least 55% in aggregate.

Names: B.A.

Source: Rehabilitation Council of India ↗

Scope:
RCI guideline effective from Academic Session 2024-25; applies to the subject Psychology only.

Not established:
A B.A./B.Sc. in a subject other than Psychology is not named as eligible.

A three-year Psychology graduate may qualify by passing a fourth-year Bridge Course or the first year of a Masters Programme in Psychology.

Names: B.A.

Source: Rehabilitation Council of India ↗

Scope:
RCI guideline effective from Academic Session 2024-25.

Not established:
The Bridge Course's fee, duration or provider are not stated.

SC/ST candidates need at least 50% marks in aggregate for the RCI Master in Clinical Psychology.

Names: B.A.

Source: Rehabilitation Council of India ↗

Scope:
RCI guideline effective from Academic Session 2024-25.

Not established:
Other reserved categories (OBC, EWS, PwD) are not mentioned in this guideline.

Admission is by a written test and interview, with 70% weight on the entrance test and 30% on the interview.

Source: Rehabilitation Council of India ↗

Scope:
RCI guideline effective from Academic Session 2024-25.

Not established:
The name of the entrance exam and fee are set by each institution.

The older RCI M.Phil in Clinical Psychology needed a 2-year M.A./M.Sc. in Psychology with at least 55% in aggregate.

Names: M.A.

Source: Rehabilitation Council of India ↗

Scope:
RCI M.Phil guideline effective from Academic Session 2017-18.

Not established:
Does not name a bachelor's degree; it needs a postgraduate degree.

RCI's four-year Bachelor in Clinical Psychology is open to those who completed Class 12 with science stream or equivalent, so it is not a route for existing B.A./B.Sc. graduates.

Source: Rehabilitation Council of India ↗

Scope:
RCI B.Clin.Psy. guideline, listed on the RCI regular-mode page.

Not established:
Says nothing about graduates joining later.

CIP Ranchi's M.Phil Clinical Psychology asks for M.A./M.Sc. in Psychology with minimum 55% marks for UR and EWS candidates.

Names: M.A.

Source: Central Institute of Psychiatry, Ranchi ↗

Scope:
- CIP Ranchi PG entrance 2025 (session starting 02.06.2025).
- CIP states adverts come in October-November.

Not established:
Requires a postgraduate degree; B.A./B.Sc. alone is not accepted.

CIP selection is a 100-mark online test plus a 50-mark practical/interview.

Source: Central Institute of Psychiatry, Ranchi ↗

Scope:
- CIP Ranchi PG entrance 2025 (session starting 02.06.2025).
- CIP states adverts come in October-November.

Not established:
Syllabus not quoted.

CIP Ranchi states that advertisements for admission to its PG courses are published every year in October-November.

Source: Central Institute of Psychiatry, Ranchi ↗

Scope:
CIP academics page checked on 31 October 2026.

Not established:
No 2026 advertisement was seen.

DU's PG bulletin gives no M.A. Psychology fee and tells candidates to see the department or college websites.

Source: University of Delhi ↗

Scope:
DU bulletin 2026-27.

Not established:
No fee amount is printed.

Amrita Hospital, Kochi advertised an Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychology post needing M.Phil Clinical Psychology with valid CRR registration under RCI.

Source: Amrita Hospital, Kochi ↗

Scope:
Careers page; last date 10 April 2026, closed. No pay shown.

Not established:
Does not say whether M.Clin.Psy. is accepted.

The work and what comes next

3 sourced

The work, from the sources

RCI replaced the two-year M.Phil in Clinical Psychology with a two-year RCI-regulated Master in Clinical Psychology after UGC discontinued M.Phil programmes.

Source: Rehabilitation Council of India ↗

Scope:
M.Clin.Psy. guidelines effective from Academic Session 2024-25.

Not established:
Individual institutions may still be running M.Phil batches; CIP Ranchi advertised M.Phil for 2025.

RCI says the Master programme trains clinicians, teachers/trainers, researchers and administrators in mental health.

Source: Rehabilitation Council of India ↗

Scope:
RCI guideline effective from Academic Session 2024-25.

Not established:
No employer list or pay.

IGNOU MAPC runs for a minimum of 24 and a maximum of 48 months (distance mode).

Source: Indira Gandhi National Open University ↗

Scope:
IGNOU MAPC.

Not established:
No attendance or hours stated.

Sources and unanswered questions

- RCI, the Mental Healthcare Act 2017, CIP Ranchi, IGNOU and university documents, checked on 31 October 2026 · India · NIMHANS pages could not be read.
- Source checking confirms only the scoped statements on this page, not anyone's individual eligibility.
- Confirm current requirements with the employer or programme.

The Rehabilitation Council of India Act, 1992 ↗

Government of India (hosted by Rehabilitation Council of India) · accessed 31 Oct 2026

Scope:
Rehabilitation Council of India Act 1992, Section 13(2).

Not established:

- Section 13(2A) exempts some doctors/paramedics of government-funded hospitals
- Psychiatrists are named there.

Checked by a person; not monitored automatically.

Norms & Guidelines (Registration in Central Rehabilitation Register, effective from 14.10.2025) ↗

Rehabilitation Council of India · accessed 31 Oct 2026

Scope:
RCI CRR norms effective from 14.10.2025.

Not established:
The page does not list which courses are recognised; see the RCI regular-mode programme page.

Checked by a person; not monitored automatically.

Training Programme, Regular Mode ↗

Rehabilitation Council of India · accessed 31 Oct 2026

Scope:
RCI regular-mode programme list read on 31 October 2026.

Not established:
The page row shows duration and curriculum links, not eligibility;.

Checked by a person; not monitored automatically.

Guidelines and Syllabus as per NEP for Master in Clinical Psychology (M.Clin.Psy.), effective from Academic Session 2024-25 ↗

Rehabilitation Council of India · accessed 31 Oct 2026

Scope:
M.Clin.Psy. guidelines effective from Academic Session 2024-25.

Not established:
Individual institutions may still be running M.Phil batches; CIP Ranchi advertised M.Phil for 2025.

Checked by a person; not monitored automatically.

M.Phil. Clinical Psychology Guidelines and Syllabus, effective from Academic Session 2017-18 ↗

Rehabilitation Council of India · accessed 31 Oct 2026

Scope:
RCI M.Phil guideline effective from Academic Session 2017-18.

Not established:
Does not name a bachelor's degree; it needs a postgraduate degree.

Checked by a person; not monitored automatically.

Bachelor in Clinical Psychology (B.Clin.Psy.) guidelines and syllabus ↗

Rehabilitation Council of India · accessed 31 Oct 2026

Scope:
RCI B.Clin.Psy. guideline, listed on the RCI regular-mode page.

Not established:
Says nothing about graduates joining later.

Checked by a person; not monitored automatically.

Prospectus, Entrance Examination for Admission to P.G. Courses 2025, Stream A: Ph.D./M.Phil. (Clinical Psychology) ↗

Central Institute of Psychiatry, Ranchi · accessed 31 Oct 2026

Scope:
- CIP Ranchi PG entrance 2025 (session starting 02.06.2025).
- CIP states adverts come in October-November.

Not established:
Requires a postgraduate degree; B.A./B.Sc. alone is not accepted.

Checked by a person; not monitored automatically.

Academic Courses ↗

Central Institute of Psychiatry, Ranchi · accessed 31 Oct 2026

Scope:
CIP academics page checked on 31 October 2026.

Not established:
No 2026 advertisement was seen.

Checked by a person; not monitored automatically.

MAPC: MA in Psychology (ODL) ↗

Indira Gandhi National Open University · accessed 31 Oct 2026

Scope:
IGNOU MAPC page checked on 31 October 2026; programme is ODL, not offered to international students.

Not established:
The page does not say whether it leads to RCI registration.

Checked by a person; not monitored automatically.

Bulletin of Information, Two-Year Postgraduate Programmes, admissions based on CUET (PG) 2026, session 2026-27 ↗

University of Delhi · accessed 31 Oct 2026

Scope:
DU bulletin 2026-27.

Not established:
No fee amount is printed.

Checked by a person; not monitored automatically.

Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychology (Careers) ↗

Amrita Hospital, Kochi · accessed 31 Oct 2026

Scope:
Careers page; last date 10 April 2026, closed. No pay shown.

Not established:
Does not say whether M.Clin.Psy. is accepted.

Checked by a person; not monitored automatically.

Your next step: Check RCI's current list of approved programmes and the Central Rehabilitation Register rules before you choose an M.A. Psychology programme.

Open the comparison

Keep reading

A source names these qualifications for this profile: B.A. · Arts and humanities, M.A. · Arts and humanities

B.A. admission after Class 12

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