



SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY

A Career That Makes a Difference

Improving the Lives and Learning of Children and Youth



WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR YOUR CAREER?

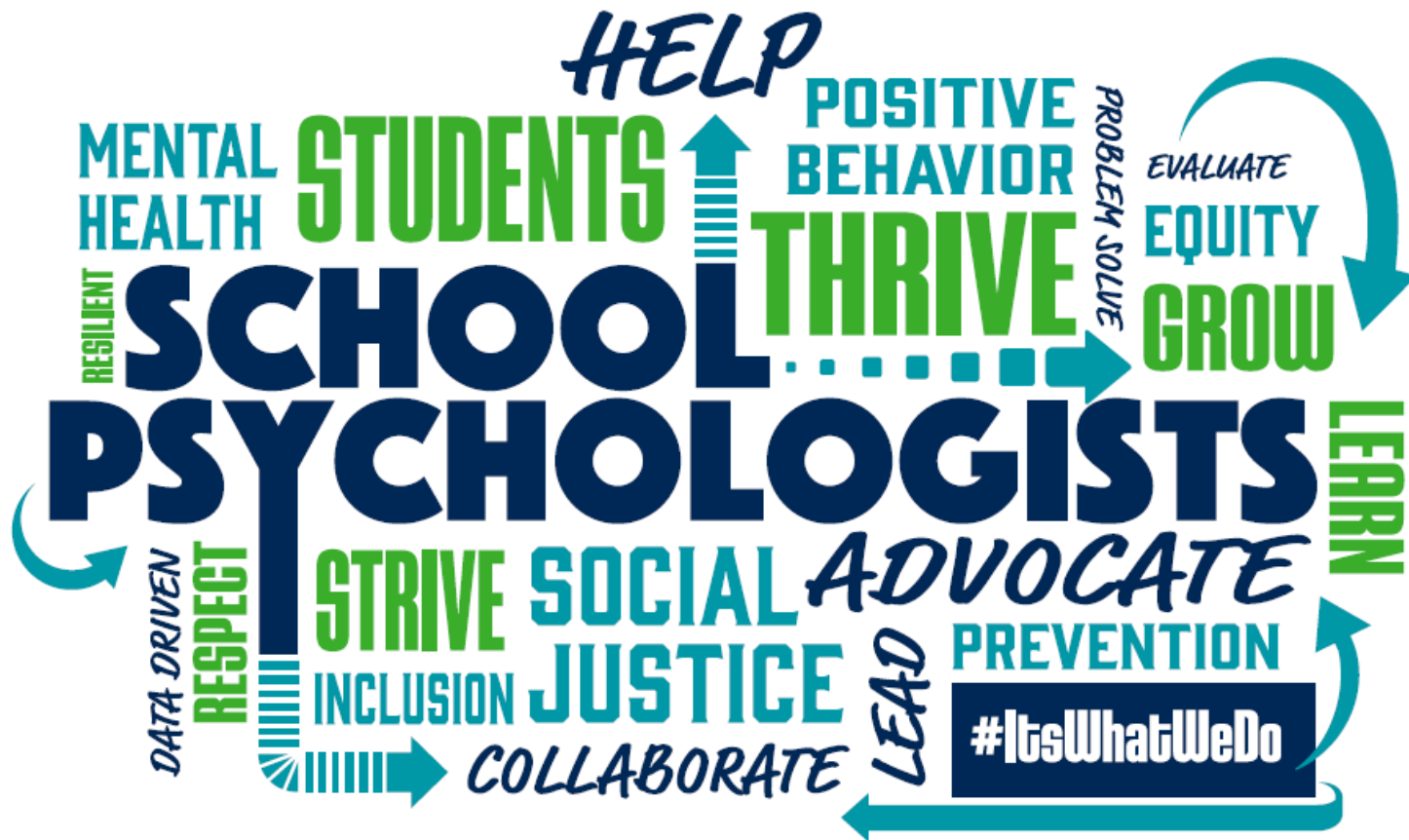


SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY

**might be
the career
for you!**



WHO ARE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS?

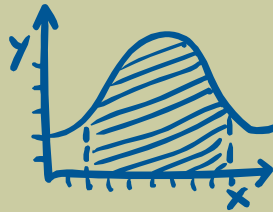


SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS

support students' ability to learn and
teachers' ability to teach.



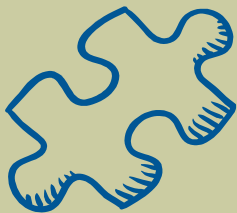
Learning



Behavior



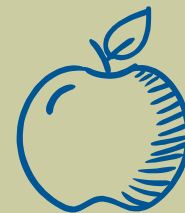
Mental Health



Highly-trained



Psychology



School-based



WHAT DO SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS DO?

THEY PROVIDE:

- Academic and behavioral interventions
- Mental health supports
- Psychological and academic assessment and data analysis
- Consultation with teachers and families
- Culturally responsive services
- Crisis prevention and response



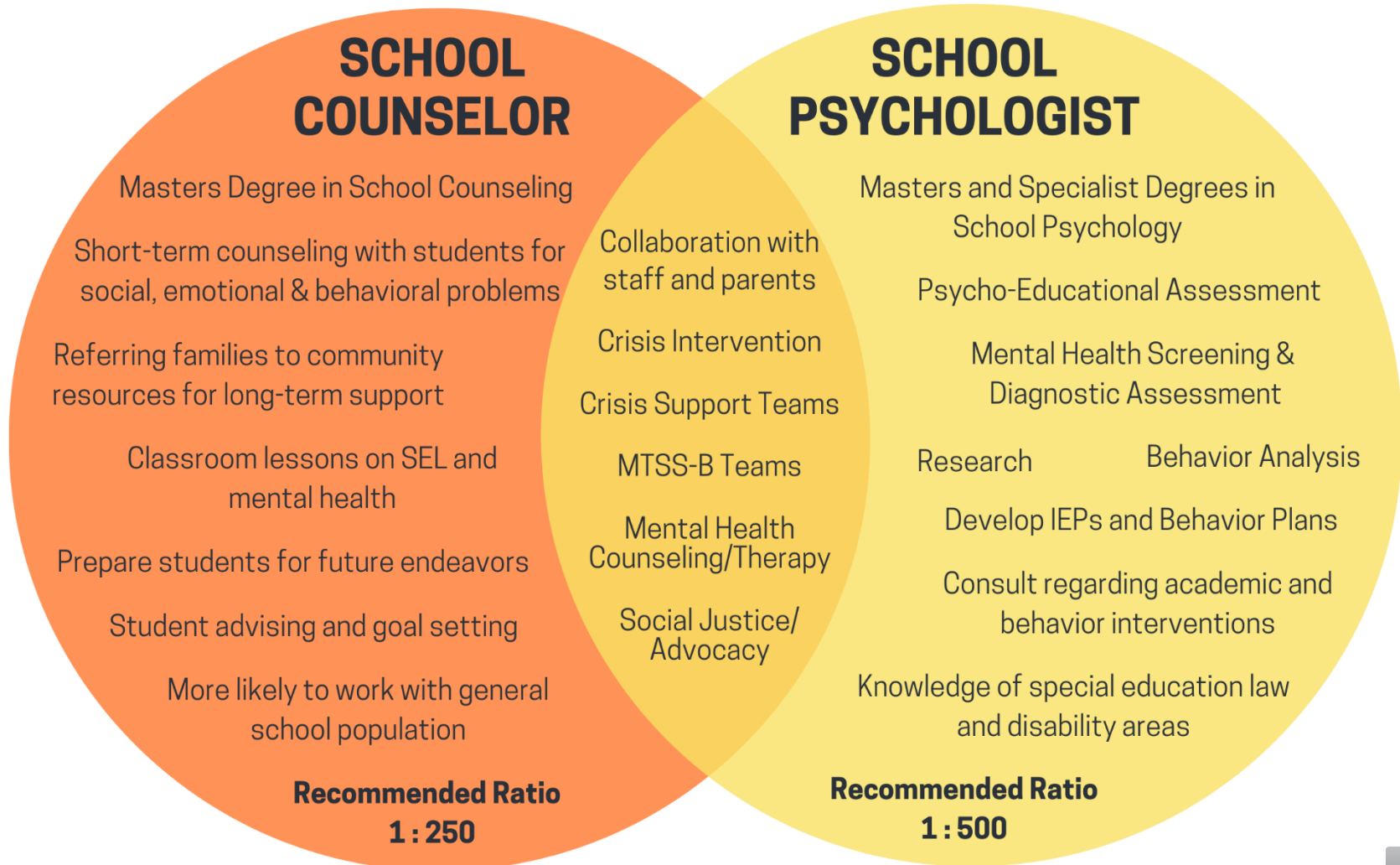
WHAT DO SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS DO?

THEY SUPPORT:

- Struggling and diverse learners
- Academic achievement
- Positive behavior and mental health
- Safe and supportive learning environments
- School-family-community partnerships
- School-wide data-based decision making

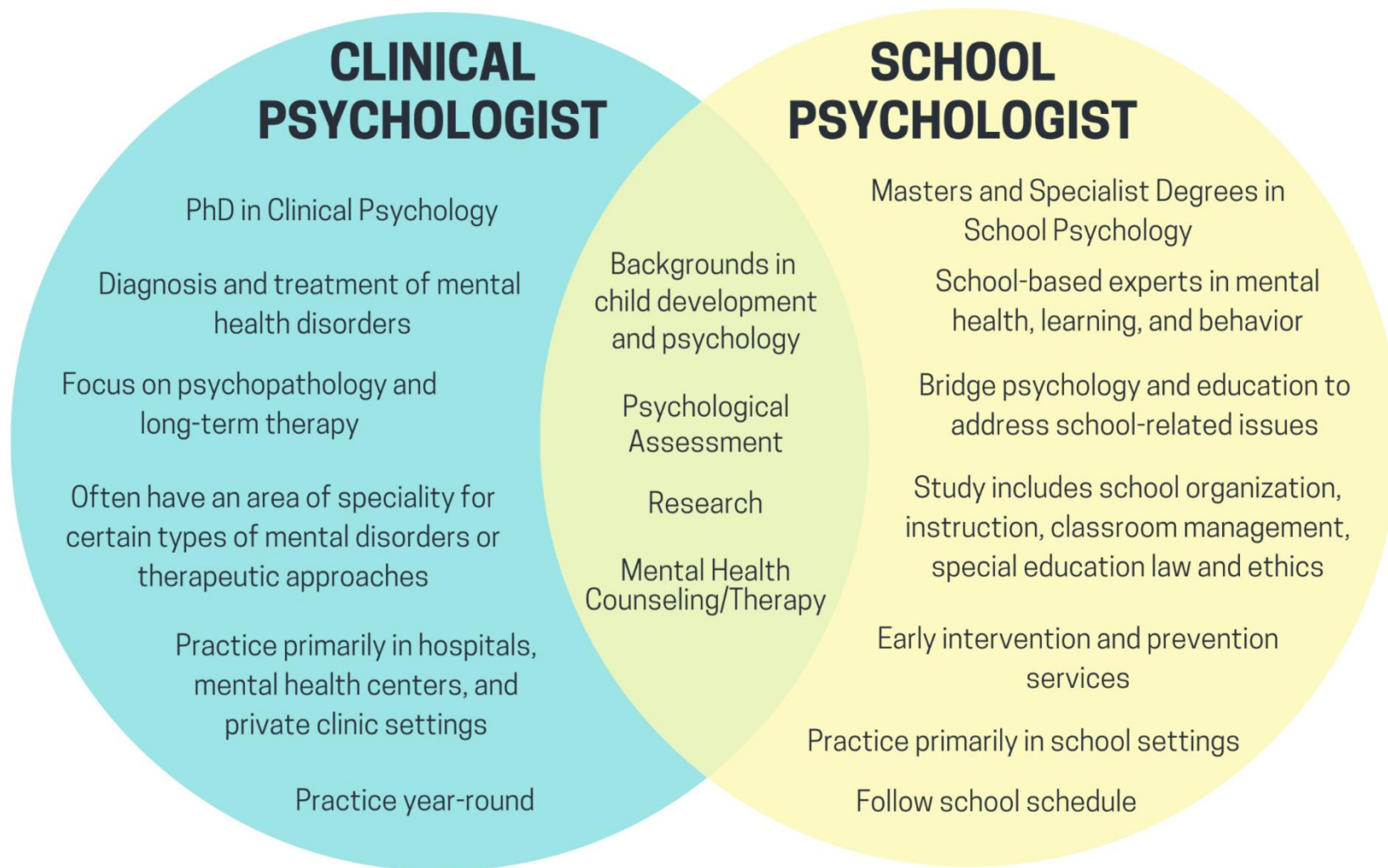


So, you're talking about a school counselor? Nope.



Ahhhh, so more like a clinical psychologist?

Also, no.



A GREAT CAREER CHOICE!

- **Positively** impact the lives of youth
- **Help** parents and educators
- **Range** of responsibilities
- **Variety** of work settings
- **Flexible** school schedule



JOB OUTLOOK?



- High national demand for school psychologists
- Most graduate programs have 100% job placement rate
- “School Psychologist” has been listed in [Top 10 among Best Social Services Jobs](#) in *U.S. News & World Report*.
- Many opportunities for graduate school to be paid for
 - University grant programs
 - “Grow Your Own” initiatives
- Qualifies for loan forgiveness as a public service profession

That sounds exciting! How do I learn more?



HOW TO BECOME A SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

**Graduate
from high
school**

**Attend
college**

**Complete
graduate
school**

**State
Credential for
Practice**

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

North Dakota

- [Minot State University](#)

Minnesota

- [Minnesota State University Mankato](#)
- [Minnesota State University Moorhead](#)
- [University of Minnesota](#)

Montana

- [University of Montana](#)

South Dakota

- [University of South Dakota](#)



For more information about school psychology, please visit:



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