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When I received my Masters in Psychology, I would have liked to have received a license to practice. But it wasn't until I pursued my doctoral studies (at Columbia U) that I understood how much more training was essential to work with patients safely and successfully. Subsequent to the Masters, I had so many more critical courses and indispensable clinical practicum in addition to intensive internship and post - doctoral training with intensive supervision. Doing psychological research for my dissertation taught me how to review ongoing research claiming efficacy of new treatments. Before completing my doctorate I did not know enough to properly evaluate patients who are a danger to themselves or others. I did not know how to determine if organic factors or medical conditions (requiring urgent treatment) we're exhibiting themselves as psychological symptoms. I am writing to protect patients, not to protect my doctoral level psychology domain. I urge you to make your decision in light of these factors. Feel free to contact me if I can provide any additional information.

Best,

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