



ACCREDITATION REPORT:
AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY
POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN REHABILITATION PSYCHOLOGY
(PGDipRehabPsych)

Introduction:

It is a function of the New Zealand Psychologists Board to prescribe the qualifications required for scopes of practice within the profession, and, for that purpose, to accredit and monitor educational institutions and degrees, courses of studies, or programmes [refer s 118(a) of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003]. On 2 November 2011, the Board delegated its powers under section 118(a) of the Act to accredit educational institutions and degrees, courses of studies, or programmes to the Accreditation Committee. Applications for accreditation are assessed with reference to the relevant sections of the Board's prescribed *Standards and Procedures for the Accreditation of Qualifications Leading to Registration as a Psychologist in New Zealand* [the *Standards*] document (current version).

Date of Application:

Auckland University of Technology (AUT) lodged an expression of interest in gaining accreditation of a new programme, the Post Graduate Diploma in Rehabilitation Psychology (PGDipRehabPsych), in September 2017, with a view to graduates being eligible to register in the Psychologist scope of practice. The Accreditation Committee considered the initial submission and invited AUT to submit a full accreditation application, initially for consideration for provisional accreditation. AUT's application was received on 11 December 2017.

Date of Decision:

19 February 2018.

Decision:

Auckland University of Technology's PGDipRehabPsych course of study has been granted provisional accreditation with graduates eligible to apply for registration in the Psychologist scope of practice. In accordance with the *Standards*, a full accreditation assessment, including a site visit by a Board-appointed Assessment Team, will occur once the first cohort of students is eligible for graduation, anticipated to be in November 2019. Assessment will include consideration of the pre-requisite Masters of Health Science qualification.

Provisional Accreditation current until:

19 December 2020.¹

On behalf of the Accreditation Committee,

Frances Hamilton
Committee Chair

7 March 2018

¹ The Board reserves the right to revisit a course granted provisional accreditation subject to periodic reporting requirements.

Update:

At its meeting on 16th & 17th December 2020 the Board resolved to extend the provisional accreditation of the Postgraduate Diploma in Rehabilitation Psychology training programme delivered by Auckland University of Technology until 19th June 2022.

This will allow the Board to ensure a full accreditation process has been completed and that in the meantime the training programme is still provisionally accredited in order to continuing teaching the interns.

On behalf of the Board,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kylie Hooper', written in a cursive style.

Kylie Hooper
General Manager/Registrar

15 February 2021