



New Zealand
PSYCHOLOGISTS BOARD
Te Poari Kaimātai Hinengaro
o Aotearoa

ACCREDITATION REPORT:

UNIVERSITY OF CANTERBURY'S POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY [PGDipClinPsyc]

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* document (current version).

Date of Application:

The University of Canterbury lodged an application for accreditation of their Post Graduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology [PGDipClinPsyc] on 18 March, 2013.

Dates of Site Visits:

The site visits were conducted by the appointed Assessment Team on 17 & 18 September 2013.

Date of Initial Decision:

30 June 2014.

Decision:

The University of Canterbury's PGDipClinPsyc course of study has been granted accreditation for an initial period of two years, but extendable to seven years conditional on their first routine monitoring report confirming that the following requirements have been satisfactorily addressed;

- In relation to Standard 2.1.1: That students are well connected to each other and to the university during their internships.
- In relation to Standard 2.1.3: That the mission statement of the course of study reflects a commitment to the Treaty of Waitangi and to developing the cultural competence of students.
- In relation to Standards 5.1.1 - 5.1.3: That an appropriate staffing plan is established, and appropriate staffing maintained.

Update:

The conditions outlined above were assessed as satisfied by the Accreditation Committee on 01/07/16. Accreditation has therefore been extended for five more years.

Accreditation current until:

30 June 2021.¹

On behalf of the Accreditation Committee,



Steve Osborne, Committee Chair

1 July 2016

Update:

At its meeting on 5th July 2021 the Accreditation Committee resolved to extend the accreditation of the Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology training programme delivered by the University of Canterbury until 28th February 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 accredited in order to continuing teaching the interns.

On behalf of the Board,



Kylie Hooper
General Manager/Registrar

5 October 2021

¹ It should be noted that the Board reserves the right to revisit a course granted accreditation subject to periodic reporting requirements.