

ACCREDITATION REPORT:

THE UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO'S POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY [PGDipCIPs]

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 Otago lodged an application for accreditation of their Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology [PGDipClPs] on 15 October 2019.

Dates of Site Visit:

The site visit was conducted by the appointed Assessment Team on 26 & 27 July 2021.

Date of Decision:

2 December 2021.

Decision:

The Accreditation Committee (operating under delegation) has granted Otago University's Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology course of study accreditation with reference to the Clinical Psychologist scope of practice for a period of seven-years.

The Committee has requested that the course specifically comment in their first routine monitoring report on Clinical staffing levels.

Accreditation current until:

15 February 2029.¹

On behalf of the Board,

Kylie Hooper General Manager/Registrar

19 April 2022

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