

# **ACCREDITATION REPORT:**

# AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN COUNSELLING PSYCHOLOGY (PGDipCounsPsych)

#### 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:**

Auckland University of Technology (AUT) lodged an application for accreditation of their Post Graduate Diploma in Counselling Psychology (PGDipCounsPsych) in 2020.

#### **Dates of Site Visits:**

The site visits were conducted by the appointed Assessment Team on 16 & 17 May 2022.

#### **Date of Decision:**

30 October 2023.

#### **Decision:**

AUT's PGDipCounsPsych course of study has been granted accreditation with reference to the Counselling Psychologist scope of practice for a period of two years until **31 March 2025** with a 1-year report due 31 March 2024, with the option for a further 5 years after consideration of the report.

The Accreditation Committee request that the programme provide a 1-year report addressing all unmet standards as noted in the report.

Accreditation was granted until 31 March 2025.

On behalf of the Board,

Gina Giannios Pouroki Tuarua - Deputy Registrar

6 November 2023

# **Update:**

At its meeting on 4 March 2024 the Accreditation Committee considered the 1-year report and resolved to extend the accreditation of the Postgraduate Diploma in Counselling Psychology training programme delivered by Auckland University of Technology until 31 March 2030.

## **Accreditation current until:**

31 March 2030

On behalf of the Board,

Gina Giannios Pouroki Tuarua - Deputy Registrar

28 May 2024