



ACCREDITATION PANEL FOR DOCTORAL PROGRAMMES AND INTERNSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

CPA Accreditation Observer Report for CCTC
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Description and Mission

Education, practice, and research directs CPA's mandate. CPA promotes excellence and innovation in psychological education through its accreditation standards and procedures for doctoral and internship programmes in professional psychology.

Current Statistics

The Canadian Psychological Association currently accredits 33 Doctoral Programmes and 36 Internship Programmes in Clinical, Counselling, and School psychology and Neuropsychology. We continue to receive new applications from doctoral and internship programmes on a yearly basis.

Recent Developments and Priorities

1. The CPA continues to liaise with the APA regarding the First Street Accord (FSA), which recognizes the equivalency of accreditation standards between Canada and the U.S.A. Representatives of CPA and APA met in Washington in April 2015, to review the First Street Accord and its impact to date, and to discuss strategies for disseminating information about the Accord to our respective constituencies. The CPA and the CCPPP have developed a short survey to explore the impact of the FSA within Canadian Doctoral and Internship training programmes, with results to be made available later this year.

2. **CPA Annual Convention;** The CPA Annual Convention will take place from June 9-11, 2016 in Victoria, British Columbia, with preconvention workshops being offered on June 8, 2016. The CPA Accreditation Panel will be hosting a workshop on the development of internship consortia in partnership with the CCPPP. Dr. Robin Adkins and Dr. Brent Hayman-Abello will join the registrar (Dr. Madon) and the Chair of the Accreditation Panel (Dr. Janice Cohen) to provide an overview of the differences between single-site or single organization internships and consortia, as well as an overview of the accreditation standards for consortia. The session will also provide information on establishing internship consortia and a forum for discussion regarding tricky issues and tips. This session is aimed at currently non-accredited programmes, however faculty and staff of already accredited programmes are also welcome to attend. The Accreditation Panel will also be hosting its annual site visitor training workshop and discussion sessions during the convention.
3. The CPA Accreditation Panel is also planning to discuss starting the process for the 6th revision of the Accreditation Standards at our spring Panel meeting in April, with the hopes of starting the consultation process within the coming year.

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