



## ACCREDITATION PANEL FOR DOCTORAL PROGRAMMES AND INTERNSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

CPA Accreditation Observer Report for CCTC  
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### CPA Accreditation Panel:

- Dr. Deborah Dobson, University of Calgary and Private Practice, Calgary, AB (Chair)
- Dr. Douglas Cane, Nova Scotia Health Authority, Halifax, NS (Chair-elect)
- Dr. Niki Fitzgerald, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH), Toronto, ON
- Dr. Anusha Kassan, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC
- Dr. Jose Domene, University of Calgary, Calgary, AB
- Dr. Monnica Williams, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, ON
- Dr. Virginia Tze, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB
- Ms. Lauren Matheson, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC (Student Member)
- Dr. Stewart Madon, Registrar, Accreditation, Canadian Psychological Association (ex officio)

### 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 41 Doctoral Programmes and 42 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 Accreditation Panel's revision process for their accreditation Standards is ongoing. The Standards Review Committee, formed in 2019, has completed the internal and external consultation phases of the revision, and is currently synthesizing the results of that consultation. The SRC and Accreditation Panel plan to submit the final draft of the new Accreditation Standards to the CPA's Board of Directors for approval in 2022.

2. The CPA Accreditation Panel and Accreditation Office have been working with their training partners in the Canadian Council of Professional Psychology Programs (CCPPP) and the Association of Canadian Psychology Regulatory Organizations (ACPRO) to manage the ongoing effects the COVID-19 pandemic on psychology training. The CPA Accreditation Panel has been continuing its reaccreditation processes through the use of virtual site visits. Due to the ongoing delays associated with pandemic-related travel restrictions, the CPA's Board of Directors approved an amendment to their Virtual Site Visit procedures allowing programs applying for initial accreditation to undergo a virtual site visit.
3. **Online submission system for self-studies and annual reports.** The CPA's Accreditation Panel have approved the purchase of an online accreditation document "portal" system. The new system is currently being reviewed by CPA head office staff and legal counsel, and implementation is planned for the 2022-2023 accreditation year.
4. **CPA Convention 2022.** The CPA's 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention is planned to be an in-person event in Calgary, AB. Dr. Madon will be providing an update on the Standards Revision process, and the Panel will also host its regular sessions during the convention, including a site visitor workshop, site visitor appreciation reception, and accreditation update presentation.

Respectfully submitted,



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