



## Report for CCTC Spring 2024

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**Committee's Mandate:** The **Canadian Council of Professional Psychology Programs / Conseil canadien des programmes de psychologie professionnelle (CCPPP)** represents the various university-based psychology programs and psychology residency settings in Canada that train professional psychologists such as clinical psychologists, counselling psychologists, and clinical neuropsychologists, as well as other branches of professional psychology.

**Committee Members:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Positions for 2023-2024</b>
Dr. Amanda Maranzan	President
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Ms. Alanna Johnson	Student Representative

### **CCPPP Initiatives and Activities**

The CCPPP Executive meet monthly over zoom, in addition to twice yearly in-person meetings. Our next in-person meeting is happening in Montreal, QC, April 15-16, 2024. As a result of our monthly meetings, we produce and share via an email distribution list, executive updates that summarize important information and provides the membership opportunities to engage. We continue to operate a popular discussion forum accessible only by members as a means to encourage communication in real time. Members primarily use the discussion forums to seek advice, consultation, or input, but also to share resources and tools.

### **Residency Application Cycle 2023-24**

- The CCPPP executive continued to strongly recommend our member programs provide a national unified front by offering only virtual interviews.
- In September 2023 we held a Virtual Open House for Canadian applicants registered in the 2023-24 residency match. The goal was to provide a virtual forum for clarifying questions on

specifics of rotations or site changes anticipated. It received a positive response and we will likely repeat this open house in future years.

***Educational Initiatives:***

- This is Year 4 of the CCPPP National Seminar Series. To learn more about the development of this National Seminar series, please read the article featured in *Canadian Psychology*, entitled: Increasing equitable access to training opportunities: Introducing the national training seminar series (2022).
- This year's CCPPP Pre-Convention Sponsored Workshop for the June 2024 CPA Convention is titled "Reconciliation Promotion in the Professional Practice of Psychology." We are thrilled to have Dr. Natasha Wawrykow, Dr. Melanie Nelson, and Dr. Joshua Madsen delivering this important education.

***Anti-Racism Working Group (ongoing)***

- The CCPPP Working Group Against Racism and Discrimination in Canadian Psychology Training and Practice was formed in August 2020 to meet the commitments outlined in the 2020 CCPPP Statement Against Racism and Discrimination. This working group is composed of psychology students, faculty, and professional psychologists with representation across Canada. Working group members are divided into three subgroups, each working to reduce social disparities at a specific developmental stage of a psychologist's career and have begun to circulate important information and reports from the work that they are doing.
  - Subgroup One: Working on initiatives that hinder diversification of the field prior to entering graduate school
  - Subgroup Two: Exploring initiatives to increase the availability of diverse practica experiences in Graduate training
  - Subgroup Three: Exploring levels of social justice values and exposure to advocacy training in professional practice psychologists

***CCPPP Residency Finances Working Group (concluded)***

- The CCPPP Finances Working Group produced a [Residency Finances Survey Report](#). In particular, the remarkable vulnerability of the qualitative responses has offered a valuable window into the challenges most residents face in coping with financial insecurity during their final year of training. This is an important issue facing the training community that demands a response.
- To this end, the [linked report of the CCPPP Training Directors' Finances Committee](#) presents a synthesis of the relevant issues, and a toolbox of strategies to advocate for adequate financial support for residents.

***Other updates of note:***

- Six Canadian programs are participating in the 2023-2024 Accreditation Readiness Project for Canadian Programs (ARP-C) cycle which provides Directors of Training with no-cost (i.e., fully funded by APPIC) monthly consultation and individualized support as they develop program materials and write their self-study for submission to the Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) Accreditation Panel.
- Advocacy efforts with APPIC to expand their current "leave" policies to be inclusive of Canadian residency programs' legislation regarding maternity leaves.
- CPA/CCPPP/ACPRO continue to meet bi-monthly for knowledge sharing.

Respectfully submitted by Dr. Amanda Maranzan, C. Psych., President, Canadian Council of Professional Psychology Programs (CCPPP)