



# Canadian Council of Professional Psychology Programs Conseil canadien des programmes de psychologie professionnelle

CCPPP report to CCTC

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The Canadian Council of Professional Psychology Programs (CCPPP) represents the various university-based psychology programs and psychology internship settings in Canada that train professional psychologists such as clinical psychologists, counselling psychologists, and clinical neuropsychologists, as well as other branches of professional psychology. Current membership includes 130 sites from across Canada (65 university sites and 77 internship sites). Our priorities as a group are to foster communication among our members related to professional psychology training and to promote high standards of training through the development and implementation of policies that are conducive to such standards.

## Current Executive Board Membership

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Ms. Elena Bilevicius	Student Representative

## CCPPP Initiatives and Activities

The ongoing pandemic presented unique opportunities for a visionary shift in both the way we meet and work together as well as how we engage with our member programs. The CCPPP executive meet monthly over zoom, in addition to the twice yearly in person. 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.

### *CPA Accreditation Update Consultations*

- The CCPPP has been very active in providing feedback to CPA regarding proposed updates to the Accreditation Standards, which were released for public comment in fall 2021. We held several online public forums to allow our member programs to provide input on the proposed updates. Based on feedback from both academic and internship programs, the CCPPP provided valuable written feedback to CPA.

### *Internship Interview Process*

- The CCPPP executive strongly recommended our member programs provide a national unified front by offering only virtual interviews during the 2021-2022 interview cycle. This was the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of virtual interviews triggered originally by COVID-19 restrictions and we have not received any significant negative feedback. Rather, it has positively impacted student budgets and has been a more equitable experience for graduate students applying to internship. As a result, the CCPPP executive is recommending only having virtual interviews moving forward.

### *Educational Initiatives:*

- This is Year 2 of the CCPPP National Seminar Series. This year, we held seminars covering CCTC Toolkit, Suicide Prevention, and Reconciliation and the Profession of Psychology. Our last seminar on Program Development, Evaluation and Consultation will be held in July.
- We have also provided two drop-in sessions for member programs to explore Module 1 and Module 2 of the CCTC social responsiveness tool kit. Our goal is to make it easier for member programs to identify ways in which they can begin to immediately implement some of the CCTC recommendations.
- CCPPP will also be offering its annual Preconvention workshop at this year's in person CPA convention! The workshop, entitled "**Developing Sustainable Program Leadership: Creating Manuals for Directors and Identifying Common Challenges**" will help member programs develop documentation to help share knowledge and maintain consistency in their training programs given leadership roles regularly transition to new directors. It will be a working meeting with all directors able to concrete outcomes, specific to their program, achieved.

### *Other updates of note:*

- CPA/CCPPP/ACPRO continue to meet bi-monthly for knowledge sharing and consideration of pandemic processes.
- CCPPP has struck a task force to examine strategies to enhance trainees financial support at all levels.
- We continue to work on strengthening student engagement through social media contests and initiatives.

Respectfully submitted by Lesley Lutes, CCPPP Representative to CCTC