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2016 CPA Convention Preview

As many of you are aware, the next CPA Annual Convention is only 1 month away! It will take place on June 9-11, 2016, in beautiful Victoria, BC. The Accreditation Panel is planning a number of activities for the benefit of training programs. To help with your conference registration and travel planning, here is a preview of what we have in store:

- ***NEW*** Developing Internship Consortia - Tips, Tools, and Tricky Issues – a joint session with CCPPP intended to help internship directors from both accredited and non-accredited programmes move along the accreditation path. The session will review relevant accreditation standards. It will also highlight the development of two currently accredited internship consortia, and include a discussion and “brainstorming” session with the training directors from these programmes: Dr. Robin Adkins from the Edmonton Consortium Clinical Psychology Residency and Dr. Brent Hayman-Abello from the London Clinical Psychology Residency Consortium.
 - When:** Saturday June 11th, 2016, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
 - Where:** Ivy Ballroom (FE) 100-60-30
- Site Visitor Conversation Session – an opportunity for site visitors and the Panel to discuss best practices in the site visit process.
 - When:** Friday June 10th, 2016, 01:45 PM - 02:45 PM
 - Where:** Lecture Theatre (VCC-1) 400
- Accreditation Panel Conversation Session – the traditional opportunity for programs and the Panel to have an informal dialogue about accreditation and training issues.
 - When:** Friday June 10th, 2016, 04:45 PM - 05:45 PM
 - Where:** Metchosin Room (VCC-2) 30-18-20
- Site Visitor Workshop – Come join us to learn about the important role of serving as a site visitor! This workshop provides the initial training for anyone who is interested in becoming an Accreditation Site Visitor!
 - When:** Thursday June 9th, 2016, 02:15 PM - 06:45 PM
 - Where:** Langford Room (VCC-2) 30-18-20

From CPA's Registrar

As some of our avid readers may be aware, 2015-16 saw a little bit of a shuffle at the Canadian Psychological Association. The Registrar of Accreditation and Director of Education, Dr. Melissa Tiessen, moved away from her post after 4 years of exceptional and dedicated service to the accreditation of Canadian professional psychology programmes. Dr. Tiessen's tireless advocacy for training and exceptional skill will be sorely missed, and we wish her the very best in her future endeavours.

To open this issue of the Accreditation Update, I felt it appropriate to introduce myself. I recently took up the mantle of Registrar of Accreditation and Ethics Officer for the Canadian Psychological Association. I am a graduate of Lakehead University's Clinical Psychology Programme, and prior to working at the CPA, I was the professional practice leader at Health Sciences North in Sudbury, ON. The CPA Accreditation Office has some exciting new projects coming up, including the upcoming revision to the Accreditation Standards, as well as the development of a more streamlined site visitor database and self-study submission system. Stay tuned!

Moving forward, please feel free to contact me, Dr. Stewart Madon, with any questions or comments about accreditation, by phone at 613-237-2144 ext. 333 or by email at:

accreditation@cpa.ca

Site Visitors Wanted!

Site visitors are integral to the accreditation process. The Panel greatly appreciates the time and expertise that site visitors contribute, and is continuously looking for ways to best support site visitors in their important role.

Site visitors serve as the eyes and ears of the Accreditation Panel, and perform an invaluable service to the continued development of professional psychology training in Canada. Our site visitors come from all areas of practice within psychology, including doctoral programmes, internship programmes, school boards, and private practice. These exceptional individuals spend their precious time travelling to various programmes across the country, and using their professional expertise to uphold the CPA's accreditation standards.

With that said, the number of site visitors currently available to perform this vital task has been decreasing over the past few years. As such, we are looking for new potential site visitors of all backgrounds and areas of competence to join their ranks! Should you be interested, please consider attending the site visitor workshop at this year's annual convention (see details above), or contact Dr. Stewart Madon directly at accreditation@cpa.ca for more information!

Why become a site visitor?

Pros:

- * *Travel to different parts of the country!*
- * *Meet new and interesting people!*
- * *Gain a better understanding of the accreditation process and standards!*
- * *Help advance the profession of psychology!*

Cons:

- * *Lots of documents to review!*
 - * *Deadlines!*
 - * *Lots (and lots) of emails from the Accreditation Office!*
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First Street Accord Update

In 2012, the Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) and American Psychological Association (APA) through its Commission on Accreditation (CoA) approved and signed the First Street Accord. The Accord also indicated that effective Sept. 1, 2015, the APA would no longer accredit programmes in Canada, and the CPA would no longer accredit programmes in the USA. The CPA has developed a brief survey for Canadian Doctoral and Internship programmes to ascertain any impact these changes have had on their operations. If you have not already done so, please take a few minutes to complete the appropriate survey by following one of the links below.

If you are a Director of an Internship Programme, please follow this link:

<http://web2.cpa.ca/membersurveys/index.php/553713?lang=en>

If you are a Director of a Doctoral Programme:

<http://web2.cpa.ca/membersurveys/index.php/817336?lang=en>

Join us for a site visitor workshop!

Workshops are routinely held at the annual CPA Convention.

The Panel is also happy to organize a workshop at your location— simply gather at least 6 interested colleagues and we will do the rest!

Participants can be from both doctoral and internship programs.

Lunch, CE credits, and a valuable learning experience are provided!

Contact accreditation@cpa.ca for more details.

Accreditation Developments

Newly Accredited Programmes

The Accreditation Panel would like to extend its congratulations to the following newly-accredited doctoral and internship programmes. These include programmes that have been accredited at the last three Accreditation Panel Meetings.

Programme	Initial Accreditation
Northern Ontario Psychology Internship Consortium (NORPIC)	2014-15
BC Mental Health and Substance Use Services (BC MH SUS)	2013-14
Eastern Health Clinical Psychology Internship	2014-15
McGill University School Psychology Programme	2015-16

Standards Revision

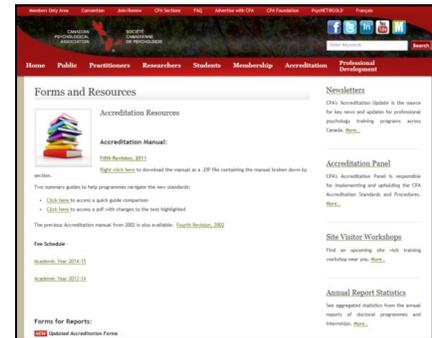
At the Spring 2016 meeting, the Accreditation Panel discussed beginning the process for the next revision of the *Accreditation Standards and Procedures for Doctoral Programmes and Internships in Professional Psychology*. In the following months, the CPA will distribute a survey on key issues related to the revision, and will welcome your input at that time. Stay tuned!

Website Resources

The Panel is always striving to make information about accreditation easily accessible to programs, students, and the general public. Please ensure to bookmark the CPA Accreditation Forms and Resources page so that you can return to it often: <http://www.cpa.ca/accreditation/resources/>

On this page you will find:

- Accreditation standards manual
- Fee guide
- All necessary self-study and annual report templates
- Slides from recent accreditation-related presentations
- Links to related organizations
- Links to information about the Panel and becoming a Site Visitor
- Links to statistics from program annual reports—recently updated with data from the **2015-16 training year**
- Links to the most frequently asked questions about accreditation—for both students and programs



Accredited Programs as of May 2016

	Doctoral Programs	Internship Programs
Clinical Psychology	25	31
Counselling Psychology	5	2
School/Clinical Psychology	3	0
Clinical Neuropsychology	1	2
TOTAL	34	35

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