



ACCREDITATION REPORT:

AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY'S POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN COUNSELLING PSYCHOLOGY (PGDipCounsPsych)

Introduction:

It is a function of the New Zealand Psychologists Board to prescribe the qualifications required for scopes of practice within the profession, and, for that purpose, to accredit and monitor educational institutions and degrees, courses of studies, or programmes [refer s 118(a) of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003]. On 2 November 2011 the Board delegated its powers under section 118(a) of the Act to accredit educational institutions and degrees, courses of studies, or programmes to the Accreditation Committee. Applications for accreditation are assessed with reference to the relevant sections of the Board's prescribed *Standards and Procedures for the Accreditation of Qualifications Leading to Registration as a Psychologist in New Zealand* document (current version).

Date of Application:

The Auckland University of Technology lodged an application for accreditation of their PGDipCounsPsych on 1 December 2010.

Dates of Site Visit:

The site visit was conducted by the appointed Assessment Team on 16 & 17 May, 2011.

Date of Decision:

16 January 2012.

Decision:

Auckland University of Technology's PGDipCounsPsych has been granted accreditation for an initial period of two years, but extendable to 5 years conditional on their first routine monitoring report confirming that the following requirements have been satisfactorily addressed;

- That the course of study demonstrates progress towards the establishment of practica and internship placements that are in accordance with the Board's prescribed Standards.
- That the course of study demonstrates that it has developed links with the Industry, professional leaders, and community service providers and has established a well-functioning, ethnically diverse Advisory Committee that can assist with the development of appropriate placements for students, especially in the PGDip/Internship.

Accreditation current until:
16 January 2014.¹

On behalf of the Accreditation Committee,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Osborne', written over a horizontal line.

Steve Osborne, Committee Chair
16 January 2012

¹ It should be noted that the Board reserves the right to revisit a course granted accreditation subject to periodic reporting requirements.