



New Zealand
PSYCHOLOGISTS BOARD
Te Poari Kaimātai Hinengaro
o Aotearoa

ACCREDITATION REPORT:

THE UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO'S POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN PSYCHOLOGY (CLINICAL) PGDipPsych(Clin)

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]. 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 University of Waikato lodged an application for accreditation of their PGDipPsych(Clin) with the Board on 21 May 2009.

Dates of Site Visit:

The site visit was conducted on 16 - 18 June, 2010.

Date of Initial Decision:

04 November 2010.

Decision:

The Board has granted accreditation for a three year period in the first instance to the University of Waikato's PGDipPsych(Clin). A further four years will be confirmed subject to a satisfactory report on the programme at the end of the third year. This accreditation was granted without conditions, but the Board recommended:

- Ψ That steps be taken to make the curriculum more cohesive and coherent (for example by modifying its use of guest speakers and further developing the academic staff's capacity for joint decision making).
- Ψ That the programme establish a Memorandum of Understanding with the Psychology Centre.
- Ψ That the programme address issues in relation to the availability of Maori content in the programme.

Update:

A satisfactory report was received and considered by the Accreditation Committee on 12 November 2013. Accreditation has therefore been extended for four more years.

Accreditation current until:

04 November 2017.¹

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

On behalf of the Accreditation Committee,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Osborne', written in a cursive style.

Steve Osborne, Committee Chair
12 December 2013