

NEW VOCATIONAL SCOPE OF PRACTICE - “COUNSELLING PSYCHOLOGIST”

On February 19, 2010, the Psychologists Board approved an application from the NZPsS Institute of Counselling Psychology for creation of a new “Counselling Psychologist” (vocational) scope of practice. The new scope has been gazetted, and comes into effect on April 1, 2010.

Application for the new scope can be made at any time, using the form on our website (see “Application Forms”, “Vocational Scopes”).

The scope as gazetted:

“Counselling Psychologist” - Counselling Psychologists apply psychological knowledge and theory derived from research to the area of client empowerment and enhancement, to assist children, young persons, adults and their families with personal, social, educational, and vocational functioning by using psychological assessments and interventions, and preventative approaches that acknowledge ecological, developmental and phenomenological dimensions. Such practice is undertaken within an individual’s area and level of expertise and with due regard to ethical, legal, and Board-prescribed standards.

The following qualifications have been prescribed for registration as a psychologist in the Counselling Psychologist scope of practice;

A minimum of a Master’s degree in psychology from an accredited educational organisation and an accredited Postgraduate Diploma in Counselling Psychology, or equivalent qualification. Eligibility for a counselling psychologist scope of practice shall require a Board approved practicum or internship involving 1500 hours of supervised practice.

If you have any questions please contact the Board’s Registrar or Deputy Registrar.

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