



Hong Kong Association of Doctors  
in Clinical Psychology Limited  
香港臨床心理學博士協會有限公司

## Registered Member

### Membership Criteria

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#### Admission Criteria for Registered Members

To become a registered member of the HKADCP, an individual must have obtained a Doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology or equivalent from an accredited educational institution. The formal professional training of registered members will include certain components as listed below. Registered members will also meet other requirements as described herein.

#### 1. Academic Curriculum

The doctoral training will include the following foundation areas at postgraduate level <sup>1</sup>:

- a) Scientific and professional ethics and standards.
- b) Research design and methodology.
- c) Statistics/Psychometric.
- d) Psychological assessment methods.
- e) Psychological therapies/interventions.
- f) Biological bases of behavior such as physiological psychology, comparative psychology, neuropsychology, sensation and perception, and psychopharmacology.
- g) Cognitive bases of behaviour such as learning and reasoning.
- h) Affective basis of behaviour such as emotion, mood and motivation.
- i) Social bases of behaviour such as social psychology, group processes, organizational behavior, intercultural awareness, and systems theory.
- j) Individual differences such as personality theory, human development, and abnormal psychology/psychopathology.

The training will include a period equivalent to a minimum of three academic years of full-time loaded graduate study and a minimum of one year's residency at the educational institution. The core program shall require every student to demonstrate competence by passing courses in each of the foundation areas. The candidate will have completed a minimum of three graduate semester hours or equivalent, and will have passed an academic evaluation through examination and/or written assignment, or the equivalent on each topic.

Training programs completed primarily by distance-learning will not be accepted.

#### 2. Dissertation

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<sup>1</sup> In consistent with the professional training in Clinical Psychology in New Zealand, Australia and the United Kingdom and other cities, states, or countries of similar system, if an individual's doctoral training is part of sequential training in Clinical Psychology, the foundation areas taken at the undergraduate level will also be considered on the condition that the total years of sequential training in Clinical Psychology is not less than 7 years.

Registered members will have successfully completed a doctoral dissertation or other project demonstrating a high level of scholarship in the field of Psychology.

### **3. Practicum/Internship**

Registered members will have successfully completed an approved practicum and/or internship involving a minimum of 2500 hours of supervised clinical practice. This will include supervised experience in core service areas such as:

- a) Adult mental health.
- b) Child/adolescent mental health.
- c) Child abuse and trauma.
- d) Clinical neuropsychology – child and adult.
- e) Family psychology including divorce and stepfamilies.
- f) Community mental health.
- g) Psychological services for people with chronic illnesses or disabilities.
- h) Psychiatric unit or facility
- i) School counseling center

### **4. Credential & Character References**

Registered members will meet the following three requirements:

- a) Hold a professional license issued by a legal authority <sup>2</sup>, or be credentialed by a National Psychological Board, **or** be admitted as a full member in the Division of Clinical Psychology of a well-established regional professional psychological association.

The attainment of the above status must be based on a Doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology or equivalent in which the herein described requirements, therefore, Academic Curriculum, Dissertation and Practicum/Internship, are fulfilled.

- b) Be recommended by 2 referees, who must know the applicant for at least two years, and at least one must be a registered member of this Association. In exceptional circumstances, for applicants unable to find a registered member of this Association to recommend them for membership application, they should seek at least one relevant academic/professional reference.
- c) Candidates will be of good character. They will have no history of past criminal convictions, and currently, will not be under any disciplinary cautions or actions by local or overseas associations.

### **5. Selection Interview**

Registered members will pass through a selection interview process.

### **6. Updates**

HKADCP reserves the right to update any of the registered membership criteria at any time without prior notice.

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<sup>2</sup> Legal authority means that it is founded under a statutory framework and a person intending to practice Clinical Psychology is under a statutory regulation in that city, state, or country, presently such as New Zealand, Australia, Canada, USA, South Africa, the United Kingdom and other European States under European Economic Area.