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DCP Admission Policies and Information – Amended June 5, 2025

At a special asynchronous meeting held June 5, 2025, the Yorkville University New Brunswick Senate approved amendments clarifying the admission requirements for the Doctor of Counselling and Psychotherapy. Details were added related to the qualifying master's degree (first bullet) and post-master's qualifying experience (third bullet).

6.2. Graduate Admissions: Doctor of Counselling and Psychotherapy – Amended June 5, 2025

Applicants are required to follow an online application process and to pay all published fees within the stated timelines. Admission to the DCP program is on a selective basis. Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission. In keeping with the program's emphasis on diversity and social justice, preference may be given to admitting qualified applicants who are members of Indigenous, marginalized, and underserved communities.

Admission requirements:

- A master's degree in a relevant discipline or area of study from a recognized university. An eligible master's degree must have prepared the applicant to practice in a health care or allied health care profession governed by a regulatory/licensing body of counselling and psychotherapy, or in a professional field that typically requires a master's degree in a subject relevant to counselling and psychotherapy. Eligible master's degrees would typically include masters in counselling, psychotherapy, marriage/couples and family therapy, pastoral counselling, applied psychology, education, nursing, occupational therapy, social work, or a similar field. A cumulative grade point average (GPA) in the qualifying master's program of study sufficiently strong to indicate that the applicant can participate in a rigorous, doctoral-level program of academic study. This requires a master's program cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.3 on a 4.0 or a 4.3 scale, or the equivalent on other grading scales. Some applicants may be admitted on a probationary basis if their cumulative GPA is between a 3.0 and 3.3.
- Registry or certification in counselling or psychotherapy or a related field or status as a qualifying member.
- A minimum of 1,600 clinical hours of post-master's counselling experience accumulated over at least two years of practice.
- Clients: The clinical training component of the DCP requires that every student is professionally active and has clients. Normally, this requirement is met by the applicant being employed as a counsellor or psychotherapist either full-time or part-time. Alternatively, the applicant might be professionally active as a full- or part-time volunteer counsellor or psychotherapist.
- A 700-1000-word letter of intent substantiating interest and motives for participation (how the degree will advance the applicant's career) and indicating the applicant's anticipated area of counselling/psychotherapy specialization.
- Two letters of reference from professional or academic persons who can comment meaningfully on the motivation and ability of the applicant to undertake doctoral study.

Normally, one of the references should be from an individual who supervised one of the applicant's practicums during the applicant's master's program.

- A résumé or CV.

Note: Original transcripts from former institutions of higher learning must be sent by the institution directly to the admissions office of Yorkville University.