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## ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2025 ADDENDA

New Brunswick

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## 6.2. Graduate Admissions: Doctor of Counselling and Psychotherapy – 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).*

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.

## 8.3 Grading Policies – Amended July 3, 2025

On July 3, 2025, Academic Council of Yorkville University amended the general grading policies with respect to defining good academic standing and academic dismissal.

**Good academic standing** is a level of performance that must be maintained for a student to continue in or graduate from a program. Students may be required to repeat courses or be prevented from graduating if they do not maintain good academic standing. Note that students may pass a course and still not be in good academic standing. Students who do not maintain good academic standing will be placed on probation or academically dismissed.

Academic Council of Yorkville University has established the following standards for good academic standing:

- Undergraduate programs: CGPA 2.0 (C, 63%)
- Graduate programs: CGPA 3.0 (B, 73%)

However, any program may establish different requirements for good academic standing if those are approved by the relevant Provincial Senate of Yorkville University.

**Academic dismissal** occurs when students fail to return to good academic standing after being placed on academic probation. Students who breach the University's *Academic Integrity Policy* may be academically dismissed. In some graduate programs, students may be dismissed for failure to meet program-specific progression requirements (identified in Section 10 of the academic calendar.) Students who have been academically dismissed can, in some circumstances, apply for re-admission to the university after 12 months have passed after their dismissal. Re-admission policy is found in Section 6.4 of the academic calendar.

## 8.3.1 Graduate Program Grading Policies – Amended July 3, 2025

On July 3, 2025, Academic Council of Yorkville University approved the following additions and modifications to the academic calendar.

### **Passing Grades:**

Except where a course is graded on a pass/fail standard, a student must earn a passing grade to earn credit for the course.

Academic Council of Yorkville University has established 70% (B-) as the normal passing grade for graduate courses.

However, any program may establish different requirements for passing grades if those are approved by the relevant Provincial Senate of Yorkville University.

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### **Repeating Courses:**

Old wording	New wording
<b>Repeating Courses:</b> A student who does not earn a grade of at least B- (70%) in a course must repeat that course. If the grade on the second attempt is also below B- (70%), the student will be academically dismissed. A student may elect to repeat any course once in order to raise their GPA to establish good academic standing. In no circumstance may a course be repeated more than once.	<b>Repeating Courses:</b> A student who does not earn a passing grade in a course must repeat that course. If the grade on the second attempt is also below the passing grade, the student will be academically dismissed. A student may elect to repeat any course once in order to raise their GPA to establish good academic standing. Only in exceptional circumstances and with the approval of the head of the program may a course be repeated more than once.

## 8.3.2 Undergraduate Program Grading Policies – Amended July 3, 2025

On July 3, 2025, Academic Council of Yorkville University added the following to the academic calendar.

### **Passing Grades:**

Except where a course is graded on a pass/fail standard, a student must earn a passing grade to earn credit for the course.

Academic Council of Yorkville University has established 50% (D-) as the normal passing grade for undergraduate courses.

However, any program may establish different requirements for passing grades if those are approved by the relevant Provincial Senate of Yorkville University.

## 11.2.2. Master of Arts in Counselling Psychology (MACP) Course Descriptions – Amended May 22, 2025

*At its meeting of May 22, 2025, the Yorkville University, New Brunswick, Senate approved adding PSYC 6256 (Applying Interventions) as a prerequisite for PSYC 6383 (Crisis and Trauma Counselling).*

### **PSYC 6383 Crisis and Trauma Counselling**

(3 credits) (elective)

This course is designed to provide graduate students in the counselling psychology program with both a theoretical and practical understanding of issues surrounding trauma and a basic introduction into accepted approaches to working with clients who have experienced trauma in their lives. Using current available research literature, this course will introduce students to the definition and types of trauma, critical incident stress management/debriefing (CISM/CISD), client resourcing and stabilization (ethical considerations), theoretical frameworks, assessments/diagnosis, effective treatments/interventions, prevention, and therapist self-care (vicarious trauma). Prerequisites: PSYC 6213, 6233, and 6256.