

CPA Accreditation Panel Conversation Session

**74th Annual CPA Convention
Quebec City, QC
June 13, 2013**

As of June 2013, CPA accredits 65 programmes total:

- **33 doctoral** programmes
 - 25 clinical, 5 counselling, 1 neuro, 2 school/clinical
- **32 internship** programmes
 - 26 clinical, 3 counselling, 3 neuro, 0 school

Panel Activities in 2012-13:

- Congratulations to 2 new accredited programs
 - Doctoral Program in School Psychology at UBC
 - Predoctoral Internship Program at Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences
- 12 programs re-accredited at Fall and Spring meetings
- 12 re-accreditations currently in progress
- Plus 3 new internship programs under review

Activities Continued:

- Internship imbalance & supporting the development of more accredited internship programs
 - CPA Counselling Psychology Section – CACUSS presentation
 - APA CoA's new 'eligibility' & 'on contingency' application categories
 - Liaisoning with CCPPP on issues of mutual interest
- ASPPB Competency Assessment Task Force
- PCSAS activity in Canada

Activities Continued:

- Advocacy along with CPA at large to support –
 - FIDEP efforts in Quebec
 - Dissemination of First Street Accord, CPA acceptance at VA sites
 - Funding losses to internship programs
 - Intern VISA issues

And More Activities:

- Welcomed 3 new Panel members
- Good bye to Ann Marie Plante
- Welcome to Linda Rochefort

- Website reorganization
 - All forms, the manual, annual report statistics, and information about the Panel available on our website at: <http://www.cpa.ca/accreditation/resources/>

- Implementation of online reporting system

Online Reporting System Reminders

- Instructions and access links have now been sent to all programs due for re-accreditation in 2013-14 or due to submit an annual report on September 1, 2013
- As always, use the updated AR or SS forms available on the CPA website to first complete your report
- Screen shots of the system are available from the home page so that it is not necessary to navigate through the system until you are ready to officially submit

Your Questions for CPA or APA

Q1: How can the Panel assist in the development of new internship programs?

- While the quasi-regulatory function of the Panel prevents direct advocacy, we recognize this is a very important issue and are happy to collaborate with other groups to support new programs, and to connect people to relevant resources – i.e., CCPPP, APPIC, CPA at large
- As an example, in response to a request from the CPA Counselling Psychology Section, the CPA Accreditation Panel will be taking part in a presentation on the development of counselling psychology internships in June 2013 at the CACUSS convention in Montreal

Q1 continued...

- CPA's Board is also convening a need, supply, and demand summit for September 2013, which will include a key focus on the internship imbalance
- The Panel is additionally considering how we might implement the APA's new procedures for 'eligible' and 'accredited, on contingency' internship programs, to assist programs with intern recruitment and participation in the APPIC match

Q2: How can the Panel assist in clarifying confusion about the self-study process?

- Important for new programs/new DoT's to note that while the process takes some work, it does not have to be daunting
 - CCPPP is an excellent resource for obtaining concrete examples of self-study materials and general training documents
 - For internship programs in particular, there is a helpful developmental process: 1) apply for membership in CCPPP, 2) apply for membership in APPIC, 3) apply for CPA accreditation
 - Pre-accreditation reviews/site visits can also be arranged – just contact the CPA Accreditation Office for potential consultants

Q2 continued...

- Please see as well the slide deck on the related “Spirit Behind the Standards” presentation, for guidance on expanded thinking about how to approach the standards
- The Panel is also looking at ways that we can disseminate information about the value of accreditation (i.e., as a resource for programs when negotiating with senior administration)
- Finally, all training programs (accredited or not) are invited to share their views on the most valuable and challenging aspects of accreditation through CPA’s Limesurvey site:
<http://web2.cpa.ca/membersurveys/index.php?sid=46764>