



INTERNATIONAL EDUCATED GRADUATE TRAINING TO BECOME A REGISTERED CLINICAL COUNSELLOR (RCC) in BC

OVERVIEW

Clinical counselling is a branch of clinical psychology that helps people as they navigate emotional or mental health difficulties. Clinical counselling can also be considered part of professional counseling and social work fields.

A Registered Clinical Counsellor (RCC) is a professional who has completed masters-level counselling education / training and has met the necessary standard requirements to receive the classification as a Registered Clinical Counsellor from the B.C. Association of Clinical Counsellors (BCACC).

To apply for membership with BCACC one must hold a master's degree from an accredited institution in a field of study prescribed by the Board which include counselling, clinical or educational psychology, pastoral counselling, child and youth care, marital and family counselling, clinical social work, psychiatric nursing, applied behavioural sciences. In Canada this means any government approved or authorized degree-granting institution.

Membership in the Association of Cooperative Counselling Therapists of Canada (ACCT) requires a certificate or diploma; bachelor's degree; postgraduate certificate; master's degree or Ph.D. in counselling or a related field from an accredited school; or have equivalent experience and training and meet ACCT education/training and direct client hours criteria.

INTERNATIONAL COUNSELLING DEGREE CREDENTIAL ASSESSMENT

Prior to applying to a masters-level degree program, the internationally educated (IEG) applicant must first have their undergraduate degree evaluated by an international credential evaluation service and that it be found to be equivalent to a degree in Canada. The evaluator must be a member (there are 6) of the Alliance of Credential Evaluation Services of Canada (ACESC).

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APPROVED CLINICAL COUNSELLOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN BC

The following academic programs are accepted by the British Columbia Association of Clinical Counsellors and the Canadian Counselling and Psychotherapy Association

- **Adler University** (2 master's degrees)-
<http://vancouver.adler.edu/programs/counseling/master-counselling-psychology>
- **City University** – Master's of Counselling (3-options - mixed mode; classroom; part time (Saturday classes) - <http://www.cityuniversity.ca/programs/master-of-counselling/master-of-counselling-bc/>
- **York University** (online program, recognized by BCACC) – www.yorkvilleu.ca
- **SFU** (MA and MEd) -
<https://www.sfu.ca/education/gs/degreediploma/masters/counspych.html>
- **UBC** (MA in Community Agency Counselling) -
<http://ecps.educ.ubc.ca/counselling-psychology/graduate-programs/ma-program-prerequisites/community-agency-counselling/>

RESOURCES

Alliance of Credential Evaluation Services of Canada (ACESC) -
<http://canalliance.org/en/>

Association of Cooperative Counselling Therapists of Canada (ACCT) -
<https://acctcounsellor.com/>

BC Registered Clinical Counsellors (BCACC) - <https://bc-counsellors.org/>

Canadian Counselling and Psychotherapy Association (CCPA) -
<https://www.ccpa-accp.ca/>

Canadian Professional Counselling Association (CPCA) - <https://www.cPCA-rpc.ca>

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Federation of Associations for Counselling Therapists in BC (FACTBC) works to advance the case for regulation under the Health Professions Act (HPA).

www.factbc.org

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