

中華人民共和國香港特別行政區 立法會衛生事務委員會 主席李國麟議員及全體委員

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尊敬的衛生事務委員會主席及全體委員:

## CSPP-HK 臨床心理學博士課程質素的認可

我們懇請立法會衛生事務委員會及其代理監察醫療專業註冊先導計劃,確保臨床心理學界 別註冊先導計劃具包容性,並在制定的過程中保持公平和合理,令社會可以有更多合資格 的臨床心理學家,為香港市民提供精神健康服務。

2016年的特首施政報告首次公佈了「認可醫療專業註冊先導計劃」(認可註冊計劃)(AR Scheme)。認可註冊計劃的運作原則是"一個專業,一個專業團體,一份名冊"。 在臨床心理學家的專業,至少有兩個專業團體,即香港臨床心理學博士協會(HKADCP)和香港心理學會臨床心理學組(HKPS-DCP),各自提交了認可註冊計劃的申請方案。根據衞生署委託認證機構的意見,HKPS-DCP 於2018年5月公布了該會有關臨床心理學家註冊標準和培訓準則的建議,接著開始第二階段的公開諮詢。

HKPS-DCP 的建議主要建基於香港大學(HKU)和香港中文大學(CUHK)提供的本地臨床心理學碩士課程的內容。當中排除了在香港另一種臨床心理學家培訓模式:聯合國際大學(AIU)的美國加州專業心理學學院-香港支部(CSPP-HK)與香港城市大學(CityU)專業進修學院(SCOPE)合作,提供的臨床心理學博士課程(PsyD)所採用源於美國的"業者兼學者模式"(Practitioner-Scholar Model)。

我們藉此機會提供有關CSPP-HK PsyD 課程之教育和培訓模式的資料、畢業生的狀況、以及本地志願團體對我們實習生的評價以供閣下審視,當中的資料在我們與衞生署委託認證機構多次溝通中,已獲中大醫學院賽馬會公共衞生及基層醫療學院院長楊永強教授充份接納。儘管兩個培訓模式不同,我們認為, CSPP-HK PsyD 畢業生的質素,至少與兩個本地臨床心理學碩士課程的畢業生看齊。此外,我們堅持CSPP-HK PsyD 課程之畢業生及其他在已發展國家受訓並在港提供服務的臨床心理學家,應與本地受訓的臨床心理學家在同等的基礎上受到AR的接納,盡量讓更多有質素及能力的臨床心理學家繼續為香港市民提供寶貴的服務。

#### 附錄A和B:解決香港對臨床心理學家的需求

CSPP-HK PsyD 課程自2007年以來一直在香港培訓博士程度的臨床心理學家,11年來共培訓了125名畢業生和準畢業生。我們的課程是在HKU和CUHK提供兩個本地臨床心理學碩士課程的背景下出現的。兩碩士課程分別每年(CUHK)及隔年(HKU)招收19名學生,即平均每年



只有28.5名學生入讀本地的碩士課程,結果香港平均每年只能新增最多28.5名臨床心理學的畢業生。為了解決香港臨床心理學服務質量的問題,CityU-SCOPE 與AIU 的CSPP 在大約在十年前合作開辦了CSPP-HK PsyD 課程,並採用美國臨床心理學博士課程主流的 "業者兼學者模式"專業培訓模式,在香港教育和培訓博士程度的臨床心理學家(見附錄A和B)。這個培訓模式在課程策略、專業標準和督導專業經驗,都有別於本地的培訓模式。有關CSPP-HK PsyD 課程與兩個本地臨床心理學碩士課程的詳細比較,請參閱立法會 LC Paper No. CB(2)174/17-18(01)號文件。

## 附錄 A 和 B: 認證和專業認可

美國的 CSPP 先後培訓了超過 16,000 名心理學畢業生,培訓了加州接近一半的註冊心理學家,是美國歷史最悠久,且得到公眾認可的專業心理學院,同時 CSPP-HK PsyD 課程亦受三個美國的認證機構所認授。首先,CSPP 所屬的 AIU 獲得美國西部學校及學院協會認證委員會(WASC)的認可,該認證委員會是美國教育部認可的地區認證機構,而其機構認可的,包括著名的斯坦福大學(Stanford University)、南加州大學(USC)和加州大學洛杉磯分校(UCLA)。所有 CSPP PsyD 課程,包括 CSPP-HK PsyD 課程,都獲得了 WASC 的認可。

除了地區認證外,美國的專業課程大部份都會尋求專業機構的認證,以示課程質量的水平。所有美國的 CSPP PsyD 課程均獲得<u>美國心理學會 (APA)</u>的認可,該學會是美國最大的心理學專業組織。 CSPP-HK PsyD 的課程沿用 CSPP 三藩市 PsyD 課程的模式,並跟隨所有美國 CSPP PsyD 課程的培訓標準。然而 APA 並不審查或認證美國境外的課程,為了證明我們培訓的質素,CSPP-HK PsyD 課程申請並獲美國州省心理學委員會協會 / 國家健康服務心理學家名冊 (ASPPB / NR) 指定項目認證,認可其為臨床心理學博士級課程的地位。此名冊被視為等同於美國心理學會的認證。

另外,CSPP-HK PsyD 課程亦屬於加州心理學實習委員會(CAPIC)的認可課程,這代表我們課程的臨床培訓符合 CAPIC 的要求,我們的學生亦合資格申請 CAPIC 在加州及美國各州所認可的實習機構。

CSPP-HK PsyD 課程乃是香港唯一獲得國際專業組織認可的臨床心理學課程。

#### 附錄C: 國際認可

CSPP-HK PsyD 臨床心理學博士課程培訓符合國際標準 ,我們的畢業生不僅獲得<u>美國心理學會和英國心理學會</u>(British Psychological Society)的專業會員資格,並且成功通過英國(Health and Care Professions Council)、美國(State & Provincial Psychology Boards)、澳洲(Psychology Board of Australia)、新西蘭(New Zealand Psychologists Board)和其他國家的法定註冊機構的嚴格審核(當中包括課程及實習內容、核實督導導師的身份及資格等),在以上各地註冊可為當地的市民提供合法的臨床心理學服務。於2018年1月的CSPP-HK PsyD 課程校友調查顯示,92.75%的校友持有專業心



理學組織的專業會員資格,而77.27%的校友得到海外官方委員會認可或註冊(見附錄C)。

#### 附錄D: 對香港的貢獻

AIU/CSPP決定結束CSPP-HK PsyD的課程,在2015年錄取了最後一批學生。在過去十一年來,我們的畢業生,在完成CSPP-HK PsyD臨床心理學博士課程所需的督導式臨床實習期間,一共提供了逾26萬小時的直接心理服務予香港市民。我們的校友在不同的社區服務環境完成他們的督導式臨床實習,在門診部、出院後宿舍、療養院、特殊教育學校、大學輔導中心、醫院的寧養服務、戒毒及戒酒治理計劃、住宿或日間治理計劃和社區精神健康中心。他們在以上單位提供心理輔導、評估、危機處理、演講、工作坊,舉辦社區宣傳和教育,給其他同學提供督導,並向其他精神健康專業人員和機構提供分析和意見。我們畢業生所受的培訓,正好讓他們達致醫院管理局及社會福利署在2016年社區精神健康服務框架報告書所提出的目標:「憑著提供個人及小組」心理治療,透過臨床督導去加強這些社區中心前線專業人員的能力,給懷疑仍然受困於精神健康問題的前精神病患者,建立起專業的支援。」

學生臨床實習的機構清楚瞭解我們學生的質素和服務,我們在2018年3月收集的CSPP-HK PsyD課程臨床實習機構填寫的滿意調查顯示: 92%的機構表示對我們同學的表現「滿意」或「非常滿意」,另外84%的機構表示我們學生對機構工作作出「很大」或「相當大」的貢獻(見附錄D)。

此致

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#### 27 August 2018

Chairman, Prof Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long, SBS, JP and Members Panel on Health Services Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region People's Republic of China

Dear Chairman and Members of Panel on Health Services,

I am writing to kindly ask that you, as the Panel on Health Services of the Legislative Council and the agency with oversight of the Pilot Accredited Registers (AR) Scheme for supplementary healthcare professionals, ensure that the AR for clinical psychologists is inclusive, and that the process is fair and reasonable so as to best serve the mental health needs of the Hong Kong public by as many qualified clinical psychologists as possible.

The voluntary AR Scheme for supplementary healthcare professionals was first announced in the 2016 Policy Address. A parameter specified in the AR Scheme is for the scheme to operate under the principle of "one profession, one professional body, one register". Within the profession of clinical psychologists, at least two professional bodies, namely the Hong Kong Association of Doctors in Clinical Psychology (HKADCP) and the Hong Kong Psychological Society's Division of Clinical Psychology (HKPS-DCP), had submitted applications for the Pilot AR Scheme. In May 2018, upon the advice of the Accreditation Agent, HKPS-DCP announced their proposal on the Registration Criteria and Training Standard for the Accredited Register of clinical psychologists and proceeded to the second phase of open consultation.

The HKPS-DCP proposal was largely based on the curriculum of the master's level clinical psychology programs offered at the University of Hong Kong (HKU) and the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK). Excluded is the Practitioner-scholar Model follow in the USA and offered by the Doctor of Psychology (PsyD) Program at the Alliant International University (AIU), California School of Professional Psychology-Hong Kong (CSPP-HK), in collaboration with the School of Continuing and Professional Education (SCOPE) at City University of Hong Kong (CityU).

We submit to you attached information on the model of education and training at the CSPP-HK PsyD Program, the status of our graduates, and the assessments of our interns by Hong Kong health service agencies, which has been communicated to and is well-recognized by Professor Yeoh Eng Kiong in the multiple exchanges between our program and the Accreditation Agent.



Despite differences in training models, we posit that, CSPP-HK PsyD graduates are, at least equivalent in quality, to those trained through the two local master's level clinical psychology programs. Additionally, we maintain that CSPP-HK PsyD graduates and other clinical psychologists trained in well-developed international countries need to be included on equal footing as those who are Hong Kong trained so as to assure continuation of their services as well as providing Hong Kong citizens with the widest possible array of competent clinical psychologists.

Sincerely,

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#### Attachment A & B: Addressing Hong Kong's Need for Clinical Psychologists

The CSPP-HK PsyD Program has been training doctoral-level clinical psychologists in Hong Kong since 2007 with a total number of 125 graduates and expected graduates. Our program emerged in the context of two local master's level clinical psychology programs offered at HKU (19 new students every other year) and CUHK (19 new students per year). Only 28.5 students on average are admitted alternatively to one of the master's programs each year, resulting in only 28.5 clinical psychology graduates per year. To address the issue of limited quantity, quality and breadth of clinical psychology services in HK, CityU-SCOPE, in partnership with the California School of Professional Psychology (CSPP) of Alliant International University (AIU), established the CSPP-HK PsyD Program about a decade ago to educate and train doctoral-level clinical psychologists in HK. The Practitioner-scholar Model (see Appendices A & B), differs from the local model in curriculum strategy, professional standards, and models of supervised professional experience. A detailed comparison of the CSPP-HK PsyD Program and the two local master's level clinical psychology programs can be found in LC Paper No. CB(2)174/17-18(01).

## **Attachment A & B: Accreditation and Professional Credentials**

CSPP, having educated over 16,000 psychology graduates and trained approximately half of the licensed psychologists within California, is the oldest and most well-established school of professional psychology in US. The CSPP-HK PsyD Program falls under review of three



different accrediting organizations in the USA. As a university, AIU, which subsumes CSPP, is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Senior College and University Commission, a regional accrediting body recognized by the US Department of Education that also accredited other prestigious schools including Stanford University, University of Southern California (USC) and University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). All CSPP PsyD programs, including CSPP-HK PsyD Program, are also approved by WASC.

In addition to regional accreditation, it is common for professional programs in the US to seek accreditation from professional bodies to demonstrate the quality of their training. All US-based CSPP PsyD programs are accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA), the largest individual member-based professional psychology organization in the US. The curriculum of CSPP-HK PsyD Program models after that of the CSPP-San Francisco PsyD Program and holds the same training standard as all US-based CSPP PsyD programs. The APA, however, does not review or offer accreditation to programs outside of US soil. To demonstrate the quality of our training, the CSPP-HK PsyD Program applied for and was granted with Designation status as a Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Board (ASPPB)/National Register (NR) Designation Project. This Designation status is considered equivalent to APA's accreditation.

The CSPP-HK PsyD program also holds membership in the <u>California Psychology Internship</u> <u>Council</u> (CAPIC), which means our clinical training meets standards of CAPIC and our students are eligible to apply for CAPIC-accredited internship sites throughout California and other US States.

The CSPP-HK PsyD Program remains as the only clinical psychology program in HK to receive recognition from international professional organizations.

## **Attachment C: Alumni Survey - International Recognition**

The doctoral-level clinical psychology training offered at CSPP-HK PsyD Program meets international standards. Not only do our graduates qualify for professional membership in both the APA and the British Psychological Society (BPS), they have also successfully passed the registration assessments (including the review of curriculum and clinical training of the CSPP-HK PsyD Program, verifying the qualifications and credentials of supervisors, etc.) by the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) in the United Kingdom, the State and Provincial Psychology Boards in the US, Psychology Board of Australia, New Zealand Psychologists Board and statutory registration bodies in other countries to register as clinical psychologists to serve the public legally in the respective countries. An alumni survey conducted by CSPP-HK PsyD Program in January 2018 indicated that 92.75% of our alumni have professional membership in professional psychology organizations and 77.27% of our alumni are either registered or licensed with official government boards overseas (see Appendix C).



## Attachment D: Agency Satisfaction Survey - Contributions to Hong Kong

AIU/CSPP has decided to discontinue the CSPP-HK PsyD Program and admitted the last cohort of students in 2015. Over the past 11 years, our graduates have cumulatively provided greater than two hundred sixty thousand (260,000) hours of direct psychological services to the citizens of Hong Kong through supervised practicum and internship experiences as part of their doctoral training at CSPP-HK PsyD Program. Our alumni completed their supervised training in a variety of community settings including outpatient clinics, post-hospitalization residential settings, nursing homes, special needs schools, university counseling centers, palliative care services in hospitals, drug and alcohol treatment programs, residential or day treatment programs and community mental health centers where they provided psychotherapy, assessment and crisis intervention, conducted presentations and workshops, designed and implemented community outreach programs, provided peer supervision and consultation to other mental health professionals and organizations, etc. Our graduates are thus uniquely trained to fulfill the goals of the Hospital Authority and Social Welfare Department's Service Framework for Community Mental Health Services (2016) that aim to "set up professional support for ex-mentally ill persons suspected to suffer from mental health problems through the provision of individual or group psychological treatment, and to strengthen the capabilities of frontline professionals in these centres through clinical supervision."

The quality of our students and their contributions are well recognized by agencies where students conducted their clinical placements. In our March 2018 agency satisfaction survey completed by clinical placement sites involved with the CSPP-HK PsyD Program, 92% of agencies were either "satisfied" or "very satisfied" with our students' performance with another 84% of agencies indicating that our students have either made a good amount or a significant amount of unique contribution to the agency's practice (see Appendix D).

# APPENDIX A

Letter from Dr. Louis Ma in LC Paper No. CB(2)174/17-18(01)





To: Members, Health Services Panel Hong Kong Legislative Council, Via Secretariat, Health Services Panel (BY EMAIL: panel ha@legco.gov.hk)

26 October 2017

**Dear Legislators** 

Doctor of Clinical Psychology

It has been announced in the 2017 Policy Address (para 167) that the Government will complete the accreditation process for clinical psychologists in the Accredited Registers Scheme for Healthcare Professionals. I take this opportunity to provide important background information on the Doctor of Clinical Psychology program offered by the School of Continuing and Professional Education at City University of Hong Kong in collaboration with California School of Professional Psychology, Alliant International University. I hope the information will enable a better understanding of the contribution made by the program to enriching the education and training of clinical psychologists in Hong Kong as well as promoting best practice in the profession to serve the needs of the local community.

Since its inception in 1991, the School of Continuing and Professional Education (SCOPE) of the City University of Hong Kong (CityU) has played a leading role in establishing non-local programs to address unmet needs for specific skilled professionals in Hong Kong society through collaborations with renowned overseas universities. CityU also has in place well-established policies, guidelines and robust mechanisms to oversee the partnership and quality assurance of these non-local programs as well as to ensure that they comply with the Non-local Higher and Professional Education Regulation Ordinance (CAP 493).

For years, Hong Kong as a densely populated and highly competitive urban city, has been facing severe challenges of maintaining sound mental health and psychological well-being of its citizens to ensure sustainable development. The need for a quality educational program to train competent clinical psychologists to provide timely and professional assistance to individuals who are suffering from psychological or emotional difficulties in Hong Kong has also become increasingly urgent. In 2007, to address the shortage of professionally-trained clinical psychologists in Hong Kong, SCOPE, in collaboration with California School of Professional Psychology (CSPP) of Alliant International University (AIU), established the Doctor of Clinical Psychology (PsyD) Program.

CSPP was chosen as a strategic partner because it is one of the first free-standing schools of professional psychology in the United States. It has educated over 16,000 psychology graduates and has trained approximately half of the licensed psychologists in California. In addition to compliance with US local legislation and University policy and guidelines, all Alliant International University degree programs are subjected to accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)<sup>1</sup> Senior College and University Commission.

The CSPP Hong Kong PsyD program was developed to demonstrate comparability of academic standards with the AIU programs. We consider this comparability of academic standards to be most relevant to our students and external agencies. Professionally, though the American Psychological Association (APA) does not accredit programs outside US, the HK PsyD program aligns with the same standard as the other US based CSPP Programs which all have their curriculum and clinical training model accredited by APA.

The Hong Kong PsyD program was started in 2007 and the last cohort of students was admitted in 2015. The total number of graduates from this program is expected to be around 120. In 2016 CityU was saddened to receive the news that Alliant International University would discontinue all the programs offered outside the US, including programs in Hong Kong, Tokyo and Mexico City. We understand that the decision is a strategic move, and is independent of the quality of any of its programs outside the US. We are proud to have taken part in helping Hong Kong meet the need for professional clinical psychologists and that our graduates have met international standards. Their education in the PsyD program has been recognized by licensing bodies in US, UK, Australia and New Zealand.

These external recognitions fully demonstrate that the PsyD program, though different from the two Master's programs offered by two universities in Hong Kong, is definitely of no less quality or standard. We are aware of the queries raised by Hong Kong Psychological Society's Division of Clinical Psychology and Hong Kong Clinical Psychology Association against the CSPP-Hong Kong PsyD program. In collaboration with our partner, we have decided to address those queries by explaining in detail the different model of training clinical psychologists used in United States which the CSPP-Hong Kong PsyD program is modeled on. The attached document addresses the philosophy, pedagogy, curriculum, and method for training Doctors of Clinical Psychology under the US model. We include all the relevant information to provide a holistic view of the program.

We hope our explanation will help to dispel misunderstandings about the CSPP-Hong Kong PsyD program. This letter and the attached document are intended to be read by all members of the Health Services Panel of the Legislative Council. They are also open to the public. We welcome further opportunities for discussion with relevant stakeholders who are concerned about the mental health of Hong Kong residents. Please feel free to contact Mr. Daniel Wong

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).1</u>, a regional accrediting body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the same agency under which other prestigious California and western U.S. schools are accredited such as Stanford, USC and UCLA

(Tel: 3442 8756), Program Officer of SCOPE, Dr. TIEN Liang, Program Director of the CSPP-HK PsyD program at liang.tien@alliant.edu or myself at Louis.ma@cityu.edu.hk should you require any further information.

Sincerely

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Director

School of Continuing and Professional Education

## APPENDIX B

Executive Summary of the United States Model of Training Doctoral Level Clinical Psychologists in LC Paper No. CB(2)174/17-18(01)



United States Model of Training Doctoral Level Clinical Psychologists

Alliant International University
California School of Professional Psychology
Hong Kong
Doctor of Psychology

in collaboration with

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#### **Executive Summary**

Hong Kong (HK) is a developed international city in almost all respects. Regrettably, availability of clinical psychology services commensurate to those of other developed nations lags behind in the breadth, quantity and quality of services. The Hong Kong Hospital Authority estimated that 70,000 – 200,000 Hong Kongers would suffer from severe mental illness (HKHA, 2011). As of 2017, HK has one (1) clinical psychologist for every 18,000 HK resident or 1:18,000; compared to United Kingdome (UK) with 1:5000. To address this unmet need, City University of Hong Kong School of Continuing and Professional Education (CityU-SCOPE) had the foresight to partner with California School of Professional Psychology, the oldest and most well established school of professional psychology in the US, to educate and train doctoral level clinical psychologists in Hong Kong in 2007.

HK does not have established minimal educational criteria for training clinical psychologists, nor does HK have statutory regulations that assure minimum qualifications. In compliance with Non-local Higher and Professional Education Regulation Ordinance (CAP 493), the Alliant International University, California School of Professional Psychology-Hong Kong Doctor of Psychology (PsyD) Program (CSPP-HK) employs the US model of practitioner-scholar to train doctoral level clinical psychologists. CSPP-HK demonstrates its high standard in doctoral level professional clinical psychology training through a number of unique features:

Features	Descriptions
International	CSPP-HK is the only clinical psychology program in Hong Kong that
Recognition	receives:
	Designation from ASPPB/National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology (NR)
	Accreditation from Accrediting Commission for Schools Accrediting
	Commission for Schools Western Association of Schools and Colleges
	(WASC).
	Full membership status in California Psychology Internship Council
	(CAPIC)
Comparability	The doctoral level training meets the minimal standard of education for in
with Modern	clinical psychology in the U.S.A., Canada, UK, and other countries with
International	advanced development in this profession.
Standards	
Distinguished	Dr. Liang Tien (Former Co-Chair of the Examining Board of
Faculty in 2017	Psychology, Department of Health, State of Washington. Former chair
	of Washington State Psychological Association's Ethics Committee and
	ABPP certified psychologist)
	Dr. Debra Kawahara (APA Council Representative Div. 35)
	Dr. Darryl Thomander (Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department
	of Neurology and Neurological Sciences at the Stanford University
	School and ABPP certified psychologist )

	Dr. Natalie Porter (Former APA Council Representative Div. 35)
<b>Quality of Educa</b>	tion and Clinical Training
High Standard Clinical Training	<ul> <li>Partners with more than 36 placement sites in Hong Kong, UK, Singapore, Australia, Macau.</li> <li>Only Hong Kong based program eligible for close to 100 CAPIC accredited internship sites in the United States</li> <li>Provides intensive clinical training for students with 2600 hours of practicum and internship with four hours of supervision per week, and specific training in assessment, individual, group, and family therapy, crisis intervention, program evaluation, and consultation.</li> <li>Supervision from doctoral trained supervisors</li> </ul>
Practitioner Scholar Model	Requires a doctoral dissertation that contributes original knowledge to the field of psychology. CSPP-HK students usually investigate clinical issues of concern to the HK community and thus provide valuable data to many underexplored areas in the field.
Distinctive Training Focus	<ul> <li>The only clinical psychology program in Hong Kong to offer</li> <li>Courses in psychopharmacology and neuropsychology to equip students with medical knowledge for hospital settings.</li> <li>Professional training in Psychodynamic, Cognitive Behavioral and Family Systems theories to tailor treatment approaches according to client needs.</li> <li>Training on multicultural competency for treating diverse clientele such as South Asians Hong Kongers, domestic helpers, refugees, new immigrants, substance users, LGBTIQ, and people with disabilities.</li> </ul>
<b>Program Output</b>	
Local Recognition	<ul> <li>Program in full compliance with HK CAP 493</li> <li>All graduates who applied for qualification assessments through HKCAAVQ have successfully received recognition for Qualifications Framework (QF) at level 7.</li> </ul>
International Registration or licensure of graduates	Graduates have obtained international licensure and/or registration from UK, US, Australia, and New Zealand
Student Contributions to Hong Kong	• Expect to graduate more than 120 alumni who have cumulatively provided greater than two hundred sixty thousand (260,000) hours of direct psychological services to the citizens of Hong Kong.

Knowing that there are at least two different models of training clinical psychologists in HK, this document aims to present our model of education and training in detail and present evidences for our qualifications and accreditations. We hold that being different does not imply lesser quality. We posit that, at a minimum, CSPP-HK PsyD graduate are

equivalent to that of those trained through the local master's level clinical psychology programs. To demonstrate our high standard of training, this document includes an analysis of the two training models to illustrate the professional competency of psychologists graduated from the CSPP-HK PsyD program and to address inaccurate claims made about our program.

Please note that AIU/CSPP-HK does not stand to benefit from whatever decisions are made regarding the status or minimum training standards to be adopted in HK because AIU/CSPP-HK has already decided to discontinue the program. We accepted our last entering class in September of 2015. To enhance services to the people of HK, we urge adoption of training and credentialing practices commensurate with other developed nations, thereby increasing the variety and availability of services so that they are similar to those typically provided by clinical psychologists in other developed nations around the world.

# Appendix C

**Executive Summary of CSPP-HK PsyD Program Alumni Survey 2017-18** 

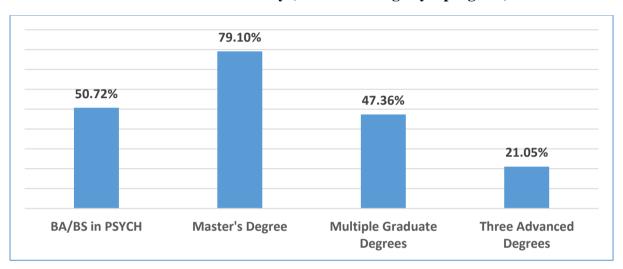


## Alumni Survey 2017-18

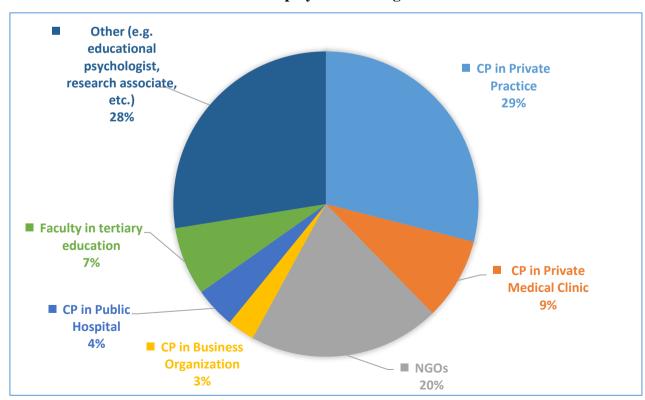
## **Executive Summary**

The results of the 2017-18 CSPP-HK PsyD Program alumni survey, sent January 2018, yielded 72 responses, representing 77.42% of our alumni. The key results include:

## • Educational History (before entering PsyD program)

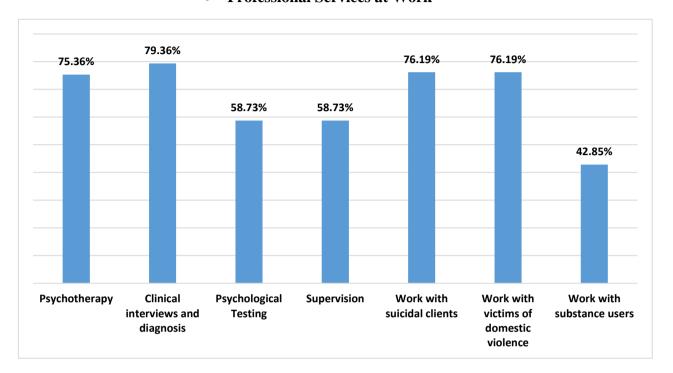


## • Employment Settings

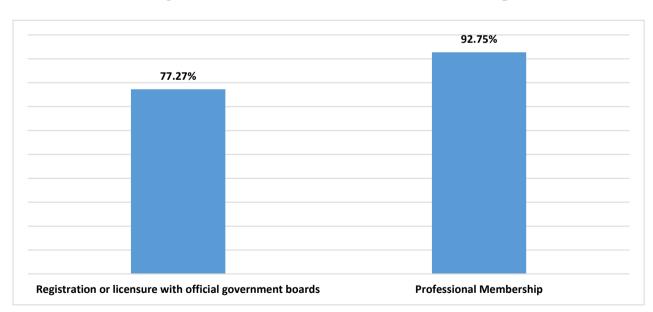




#### • Professional Services at Work

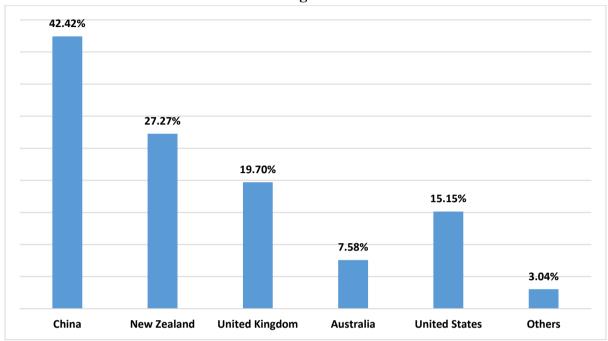


## Registration/Licensure and Professional Membership





## Statue of Registration or Licensure



#### • Experiences with Professional Exclusion:

- 52.38% reported to experience professional exclusions as graduates from CSPP-HK.
   The reported exclusions include:
  - decreased opportunities for employment (75.7%)
  - use of assessment tools (78.78%)
  - rejection from local professional associations (51.1%),
  - social exclusion in professional settings (42.42%).
- o In qualitative descriptions, some of these experiences include (direct quotes):
  - "...the director who I spoke with earlier said there was this another director (from another professional body) who she co-directing with looked at my CV and said I was not allowed to join."
  - "I was told by two members from the organization committee that this PsyD program does not qualified me to call myself a 'clinical psychologist."
  - "...our chief executive received a letter from DCP...In the letter, DCP suggested that CSPP-HK graduates are not up to standard."
  - "The finance person asked if CP has to be registered with HKPS (DCP), I said no. Director believed so, but finance person has doubt and in the end they did not offer me the job."
  - "Very frustrated as that may hindered my delivery of professional services to people in need."
  - "Disrespected."

#### Professional Activities:

O Altogether, the alumni have produced 1163 oral presentations, 86 poster presentations, 42 published academic articles, and 12 books or book chapters.

# Appendix D

**Executive Summary of CSPP-HK PsyD Program Agency Satisfaction Survey 2017-18** 

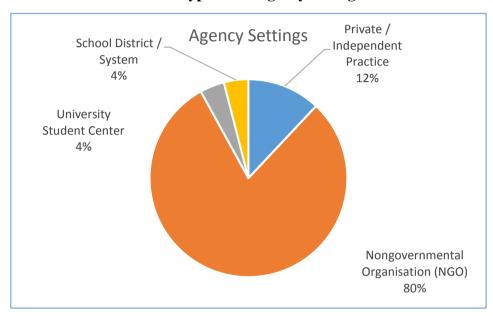


## **Agency Satisfaction Survey 2017-18**

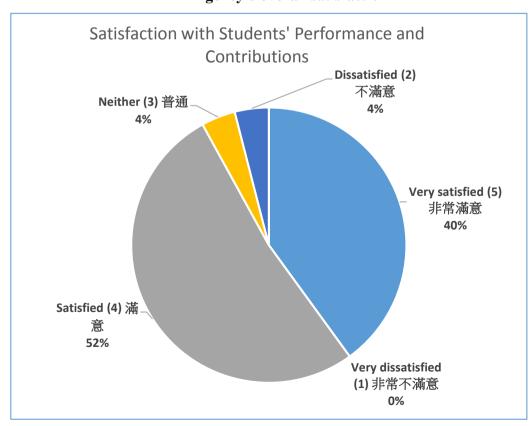
## **Executive Summary**

The results of the 2017-18 Agency Satisfaction Survey, sent March 2018, yielded 25 responses, representing over 60% of our clinical placement sites. The key results include:

## Type of the agency setting

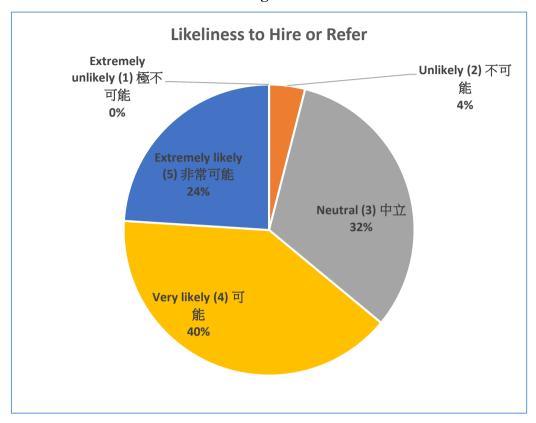


## • Agency's overall satisfaction



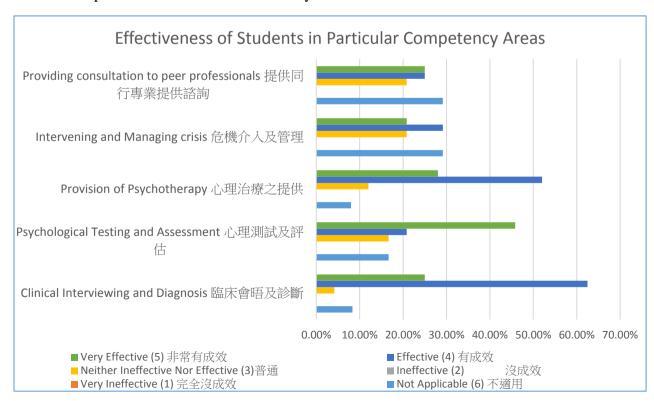


## Likeliness to hire CSPP-HK graduates or refer clients to them



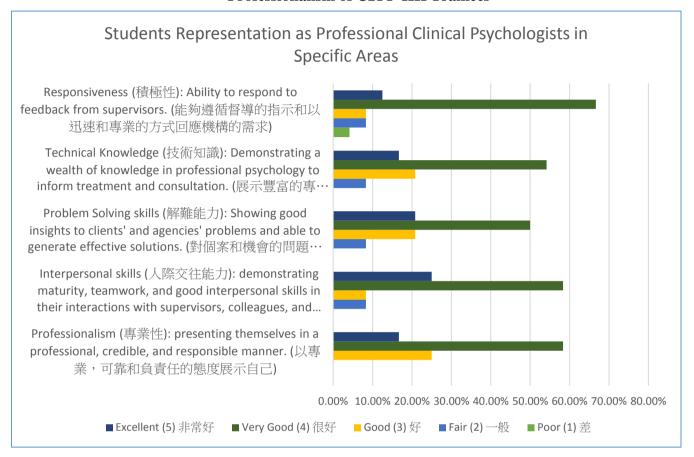
## • Competency of CSPP-HK Trainees

\*No respondents rated students to be very ineffective or ineffective.





#### Professionalism of CSPP-HK Trainees



#### • Testimony from Agencies

- "實習學生有熱誠及專業輔導經驗,為專業同工提供非常專業諮詢服務!"
- o "The students were usually helpful and took initiative in support of the service at units. Their contribution is much appreciated."
- o "All of the students who have had placements here have provided an invaluable contribution to our centre."
- o "They are very professional, knowledgeable and sensitive to the needs of clients."
- o "... They have serious requirements for students. Only direct contact hours are counted, and thus, students are very responsive to clients' need. Also, CSPP is willing to hear feedback from agency. They are so devoted to enhance psychological service in HK. and even open to offer free training to agency by its professor. As a matter of fact, students' supervisors are holders of PsyD. Such arrangement make us feel confident to let their students to handle cases with various psychological problems..."
- o "The CSPP-HK students/interns demonstrated the breadth of knowledge that is expected of the trainees of their level of training (pre-doctoral). Most of them adapted to our site's demanding clientele and workload well and almost seamlessly in a relatively short time. They presented themselves with professionalism and tremendous work ethics...."
- o "It's pity that the school is going to stop training clinical psychologists in Hong Kong, as some of the graduates have been found to be very competent in the service and their continual contribution can fill in the gap of inadequate professionals in the field. Hope the school will consider resuming the training in Hong Kong again someday.