

HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA
PROFESSIONAL BOARD FOR PSYCHOLOGY
INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN INTERNSHIP TRAINING
PROGRAMMES
EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

RECOGNITION

Training can only be recognised if it takes place in an approved institution on a full-time basis (40 hours per week) over a minimum period of 12 months. Institutions, which wish to apply for recognition for purposes of training intern counselling psychologists, must do so in writing

1. Apart from the educational requirements, an applicant has to complete an approved internship. An internship in educational psychology can be undertaken at an accredited institution (see form 77) or by following an individual internship programme at any other suitable institution (see general guidelines form 160).
2. In the latter instance, a department of educational psychology of a university in collaboration must compile an internship programme with the supervising educational psychologist according to the guidelines and requirements of the Professional Board for Psychology.
3. Contents of programme:
 - 3.1 Fields of study prescribed by the Professional Board:
 - * Psychometrics pertaining to children and adolescents, and feedback thereof to children, parents and teachers (10%)
 - * The psychometric tests listed in the internship programme have to comply with -
 - i. Policy on the classification of psychometric measuring devices, instruments, methods and techniques (form 208)
 - ii. List of tests classified as being psychological tests (form 207)
 - * Interventions relating to school and learning difficulties (15%)
 - * Child psychopathology (5%)
 - * Preventive, developmental and remedial interventions with children in their context (including career guidance) (20%)
 - * Parent guidance in context and within the scope of practice of an educational psychologist (form 224) (20%)
 - * Report writing (10%)

- * Assistance to teachers and other professionals in a multidisciplinary team regarding children (10%)
- * Children's rights and other relevant legislation (5%)
- * The Ethical Code of Conduct for Psychology (form 223) (5%)

3.2 A detailed description of activities within each field should be provided.

In respect of psychometrics, detailed information is required in respect of validity, reliability, bias, the Employment Equity Act and relevance within the South African context.

3.3 The following information should be supplied with regard to each activity:

- * days allocated to each activity; (total number of days in 260 days including 20 days leave)
- * percentage of time allotted in total number of internship days.

3.4 Take note that an internship is a fulltime activity (40 hours per week)

The application for accreditation must be submitted to the Manager, Professional Board for Psychology, P O Box 205, Pretoria, 0001 for consideration by the Board at least 3 months prior to commencement of the internship

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