



Permission Statement: COVID-19 and Counselling Hours

The National Executive, the Counsellor Education Committee and the Membership Committee of NZAC recognise the difficulties the COVID-19 emergency presents for counsellors-in-training, applicants for Provisional Membership and applicants for Membership in obtaining the required face-to-face counselling hours.

Permission is therefore granted to students in accredited counsellor education programmes to count online and telephone counselling hours acquired during this time of crisis towards the total hours required for Provisional Membership, at the discretion and oversight of their counsellor educators.

The education provider will sign off their students' Provisional Membership application if the provider is satisfied the practice hours meet their requirements and NZAC will also be satisfied the hours meet our requirements.

Provisional Members can include 100 hours of on-line and/or telephone counselling in their upgrade to Membership and this can be extended on request.

It is important to note that this action has been taken as a means of supporting student counsellors as well as the wider community in these unprecedented times.

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