



College of
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Psychotherapy Student Designations Policy

Policy

CRPO does not have direct jurisdiction over psychotherapy students who may later join the College. However, CRPO can challenge an application for registration if an applicant has used a restricted title or inappropriately held them self out professionally while they were a student. In light of this, the Registration Committee adopted the following policy statement on student therapist designations:

Students who are not members of CRPO must not use the term “psychotherapist” as part of their designation, as this is a title restricted to members by the Psychotherapy Act, 2007. They must identify themselves as students orally and in writing when working within the scope of practice of psychotherapy. The titles “student therapist” or “therapist in training” are acceptable. In addition, students should note the name of their training program as this promotes transparency and accountability. Clinical supervisors are advised to discuss this policy with students.

Relevant Legislation

Psychotherapy Act, 2007, section 8(1).