

## Indigenous Pathway

**Approved by:** Council

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### Policy

This Council is committed to the development of policies and processes that support the registration of appropriately qualified Indigenous practitioners of psychotherapy through consultation and collaboration with Indigenous (First Nations, Inuit and Métis) communities. Such collaboration is likely to involve the review and possible adaptation of CRPO's Review & Recognition process for psychotherapy education & training programs in order to develop a parallel process for programs in the Indigenous practice of psychotherapy, taking into account cultural context, traditional concepts of healing/ wellness and Indigenous training practices.

Council will strive to be mindful of this policy and its stated intent, and will seek to incorporate and operationalize policies, processes and programs that accommodate Indigenous members (e.g. complaints process, Quality Assurance Program) whenever there is opportunity to do so. In addition, Council will make every effort to instill support for this policy by embedding inclusiveness in the culture of the organization – its Council, staff and members.