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Health Programs

Psychedelic-Assisted Therapy

Location Offered:

Nanaimo, Online

Credential:

Graduate Certificate

Program Length:

1 Year

The Program

The Psychedelic-assisted Therapy Graduate Certificate program is geared toward professional therapists (or equivalent) and clinicians who aim to train in and support psychedelic-assisted therapies.

The program model centres on coming to know the opportunities and challenges inherent in this advanced practice area, followed by the practice of collectively navigating complexities within a community of practice environment. The small group interdisciplinary learning environment is designed to augment one's therapeutic capacity to provide safe and inclusive care.

Professionals who apply for the certificate program will join a cohort that begins in September and moves through the courses in sequence. The first three theory courses in the program are online theory courses. PAT 504 (6 credit) is a hybrid (online and in person) practicum course for professionals to engage in supervised practice in a program that delivers psychedelic-assisted therapies. The full program can be completed from a distance if an approved practicum site is available near the trainee's place of residence.

Program Outline

Year 1	Credits
PAT 501 - (Introduction to Psychedelic Medicine)	3
PAT 502 - (Psychedelic Medicine: Trauma-Informed and Inclusive Care)	3
PAT 503 - (Psychedelic-assisted Therapy: Professional Practice)	3
PAT 504 - (Psychedelic-assisted Therapy in Practice (Practicum))	6
Total Program Credits	15

Note: PAT 504 may be completed at various times throughout the year via directed study, dependent on practicum site and field guide availability.

Admission Requirements

- An undergraduate degree (or equivalent) in health, human services, or related fields.
- Resume with cover letter and professional references.
- Two years related experience in the field will be prioritized, which should be

reflected in one's cover letter and resume and verifiable by references provided.

- An interview will take place.
- Applicants whose previous degree was obtained in a country where English is not the primary/official language and from a university where English was not the language of instruction must meet one of VIU's English Language requirements for Academic Programs.

Notes on Admission

- Preference will be given to candidates with a clinician and/or therapy license and for those with experience in the related field.
- Applicants admitted without a license to practice will be supervised by a licensed practitioner.
- Fieldwork and/or practica will require a satisfactory criminal record check prior to placement. The Registration Centre at VIU will contact prospective students regarding the Criminal Record Check. Criminal Record Checks are processed through the Ministry according to the Criminal Records Review Act. A check completed through the RCMP is not sufficient to meet the requirements of the Act.
- Applicants who meet or exceed the minimum admission requirements may not necessarily be admitted to the program.
- Applicants without a bachelor's degree but who have a minimum 5 years' of recent and relevant training and therapy/clinical experience at a credible training or treatment institute/centre may request consideration for admission. Applicants will be considered by the program coordinator on an individual basis.

Start Date and Application Deadline

Applications for admission are accepted between October 1 and March 31. Applications received after March 31 are considered late and will be processed as space permits.

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