CRPO Update February 19, 2014:  
Grandfathering Application Information

The expected launch of pre-registration for grandparenting applicants is the end of March 2014.

To date, more than 2200 prospective members have begun the Jurisprudence e-Module and more than 1400 have successfully completed it. Feedback from those who have done so has been overwhelmingly positive.

You will not be able to access the online application form to become a member of the College until you have fully completed the Module. So, if you intend to apply for registration and haven’t already set up your account and paid your $60 + HST fee to access the Module, you're strongly encouraged to begin soon.

This is now the time to begin to collect all the data required to apply to the CRPO. Please visit www.crpo.ca and access the Scoring of Portfolio Evidence for “Grandparenting” for full information.

General Points:

1. Everyone practicing “psychotherapy” (by the legislation’s use of the term) has to belong to (i.e., has to have completed their registration with) the CRPO by the very day the Act is proclaimed in order to continue their practice. With the exception of those belonging to the College of Social Work, Psychology and Physicians.

The two-year window for Grandparenting does not mean a current practitioner can continue to work and sometime later, within a two-year window, attend to the registration process. The two-year Grandparenting window was put in place to assist those practitioners who may have taken some time off due to family or illness.

2. The registration process cannot possibly be done ‘at the last moment’. Practitioners should, now, be getting themselves an account with the College (at the website http://www.crpo.ca). They should now be completing the Jurisprudence Module, which first requires that they pay the prescribed fee via their banking institution, which transaction then takes three days for the CRPO to verify before the module can be begun.

3. Please keep in mind that the Jurisprudence module will take about 5-10 hours to complete.

4. In preparation for the on-line registration, there is information you can either gather or ‘think about where exactly you can put your hands on it at the time you sit down to fill out the on-line form”:
   a. Details about your highest degree.
   b. If your degree isn’t in “Psychotherapy” (which is the case for the majority of people being grandparented), then details about any university courses related to psychotherapy, and details about your program of training that was completed concerning psychotherapy.
   c. Details about professional certifications and affiliations.
d. A 'gathering together' of your "currency hours".

5. As to the Registration process itself: know that, currently, it is in a second round of being 'piloted' (on which basis the form continues to evolve). It is certainly "doable"; even in its early form it was doable; REMEMBER -- It is designed to bring you in, not to keep you out! It can be expected to take about five hours to complete the on-line package, and then you will also need:

   a. A letter from your employer, supporting the fact you are doing 'psychotherapy' (i.e., within the legislation's scope of practice), and

   b. A statement (by way of a form in the Registration documents) signed by you and notarized by a Notary Public (whom you can access at City Hall) to the effect "you swear the information you've provided is true".

   c. Photo-id: The Registration Committee made a recent policy decision that applicants for registration with the College will be required to submit an acceptable form of government issued photo identification as part of the application process. Like other required supporting documentation for the online application, an applicant will be asked to scan and upload the electronic image to her/his user account. More details will be available shortly.

The CRPO has now launched the Review and Recognition process for Psychotherapy Education and Training Programs.

Education program providers may now complete and submit an online application to have their program Reviewed by CRPO. The CICAPP will be submitting an application for review.

Formal Recognition of a psychotherapy education and training program allows graduates of such programs to be confident that they meet the entry-to-practice competencies for admission to the College (this relates to an applicant seeking registration via the regular route, not grandparenting). Additionally, it will allow College staff to streamline the evaluation and processing of that element of the application for registration.

Please continue to regularly visit the College website at www.crpo.ca

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