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Tēnā koe Matthew

Official information request - Clinical psychology placements

I refer to your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) dated 29 August 2022:

- *“How many placement positions have been available to postgraduate clinical psychology students at your tertiary education institution annually over the past five years?”*
- *How many students have attained a postgraduate clinical psychology degree from your tertiary education institution annually over the past five years?*
- *What is the number of students who have undertaken a placement as part of a postgraduate clinical psychology degree through your tertiary education institution, annually, over the past five years?”*

How many placement positions have been available to postgraduate clinical psychology students at your tertiary education institution annually over the past five years

Student placements are undertaken as part of the PSYC561 and PYSC562 papers in the Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology (PGDipClinPsyc).

PSYC561 students are required to complete 400 hours placement at the University's Clinical Psychology Centre between February and November, gaining practical experience. Students enrolled in PSYC562 are required to complete a placement of no less than 1500 hours to be conducted at a suitable placement agency (or agencies). Placements are arranged for all students enrolled in these papers. Therefore the number of placements arranged is contingent upon the number of students enrolled.

Year	PSYC561 placements available	PSYC562 placements available
2017	11	10
2018	8	13
2019	7	8
2020	10	9
2021	12	10

How many students have attained a postgraduate clinical psychology degree from your tertiary education institution annually over the past five years?

The table below reflects the numbers of graduates based on the academic year entered for their qualification completion.

Please note, whilst students undertaking the PGDipClinPsync programme must also be enrolled in or have completed an Masters of Arts (MA) or Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), or the thesis part of an Masters of Science (MSc), the only postgraduate qualification currently offered in Clinical Psychology is the PGDipClinPsync.

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total
PGDipClinPsync – Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology	10	11	7	8	10	46

What is the number of students who have undertaken a placement as part of a postgraduate clinical psychology degree through your tertiary education institution, annually, over the past five years?”

As above, placements are undertaken as part of the PSYC561 and PSYC562 papers. All students enrolled in these papers are required to undertake placements. Therefore, the number of students who have undertaken placements is the same as the number of students enrolled.

Year	PSYC561 placements undertaken	PSYC562 placements undertaken
2017	11	10
2018	8	13
2019	7	8
2020	10	9
2021	12	10

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of the decisions made regarding this request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact me at oiarequests@vuw.ac.nz.

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