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Tēnā koe RC

I refer to your request for information dated 16 September 2024 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I am writing to request information regarding slots, admissions and applications to the clinical psychology program. Please provide broken down by year and averages for the past 10 years the following statistics.

- 1) *How many applications are received for the program.*
- 2) *How many spaces are available for the program.*
- 3) *Of the applicants and confirmed students, how many were of a Māori background.*
- 4) *Of the applicants and confirmed students, how many were of a Pacifica background.*
- 5) *Of both the applicants and confirmed students, how many identified as male, how many identified as female and how many were gender diverse.*
- 6) *Of the applicants and confirmed students, how many held a postgraduate degree.*
- 6A) *Of the students who held a postgraduate degree, what was that degree.*
- 7) *Of the applicants and confirmed students, how many had applied for the program before.*
- 8) *Does the selection process consider demographics for admissions, if so, which aspects and to what extent.*

I understand that given the size of the program, some of this could be considered identifying, and if that is the case for any of this information, please provided the aggregated statistics instead.

Please see below our response to your request, subject to the following:

- the Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology (**PGDipCIPs**) programme normally extends over three years of full-time University study. This includes a Probationary Year during which a candidate completes the final year of a Bachelor with Honours degree or an equivalent course, and two Professional Years during which postgraduate students in Clinical Psychology are concurrently enrolled for a Master's or Doctoral degree in Psychology and the PGDipCIPs. The number of students accepted each year into the training programme is limited by the number of practical clinical placements available.
- we decline to provide ten (10) years of data, and to respond to questions 6A and 7 above, under section 18(f) of the Act, on the basis that this information requires substantial collation or research. Data before 2017 is not readily accessible from reports and would require a manual search of all files, as would the data for questions 6A and 7 above. We considered proposing a charge for this service, but staff resources are not available to be diverted to undertake such work.

- we have declined to provide information for 'confirmed students' to protect the privacy of these individuals', under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. Where cohorts and class sizes are small, we consider that withholding this information is necessary to protect against the identity of these individuals being determined or inferred, and their personal information being disclosed.

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Please see the table below which shows the total number of applications to the PGDipCIPs each year and the demographic and academic data requested:

Year	Number of applicants	Female	Male	Gender diverse	Māori	Pacifica	Postgraduate (approx..)
2017	69	59	10	0	2	0	16
2018	67	54	13	0	3	0	24
2019	64	54	10	0	4	3	20
2020	85	66	17	0	7	2	42
2021	112	85	26	0	13	5	45
2022	102	83	17	2	9	0	45
2023	100	74	25	1	9	2	55
2024	94	68	25	1	7	5	58

2. How many spaces are available for the programme?

Please see the table below which shows the enrolment intake to the PGDipCIPs each year:

Year	Enrolment intake
2017	10
2018	10
2019	10
2020	10
2021	10
2022	10
2023	12
2024	12

8. Does the selection process consider demographics for admissions, if so, which aspects and to what extent.

Further information on the Clinical Psychology programme is available at the following locations on the University's website:

- <https://www.otago.ac.nz/psychology/study/postgraduate/clinicalpsyc>
- <https://www.otago.ac.nz/courses/qualifications/pgdipclps>

This includes contact details for further admission information.

I trust this information will be helpful.

In the above cases, we consider that good reasons exist for withholding information, and this is not outweighed by other considerations which would make it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available.

If you are not satisfied with our response to your information request, section 28(3) of the Act provides you with the right to ask an Ombudsman to investigate and review this response. However, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss any concerns with you first.

Ngā mihi



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