



CANADIAN COUNSELLING AND  
PSYCHOTHERAPY ASSOCIATION  
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COUNSELING ET DE PSYCHOTHÉRAPIE

## **The Canadian Counselling and Psychotherapy Association**

# **Canadian Certified Counsellor- Supervisor**

**The Canadian Certified Counsellor-  
Supervisor (CCC-S) designation is  
intended to certify qualified clinical  
supervisors.**



**Clinical supervision is essential to professional  
counselling and psychotherapy training and practice.**

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# Clinical Supervision

Clinical Supervision is a professional relationship in which the supervisor is “responsible for the development of the supervisee, as well as the safety and quality of services delivered to the client (s) by him or her” (Shepard & Martin, 2012, p. 5).

Shepard, B. & Martin, L. (2012). *Supervision of Counselling and Psychotherapy: A Handbook for Canadian Certified Counsellors and Applicants*. Ottawa, ON: Canadian Counselling and Psychotherapy Association.

## Benefits of Certifying Clinical Supervisors

- Promotes professional credibility;
- Assures the public, employers, regulatory colleges, post-secondary institutions and practitioners of a minimum standard of competency;
- Supports competent, professional services;
- Establishes a recognized credential of professional supervision competency;
- Develops guidelines for new clinical supervisors; and
- Encourages continued professional development for clinical supervisors.

**T**he establishment of standards and certification assures opportunities for clinical supervisors.

## The CCC-S Designation

By facilitating access to qualified and effective supervision, the CCC-S designation helps:

- CCC applicants attain practicum/supervision requirements;
- foreign- and alternatively-trained practitioners reach the practicum/supervision requirements for CCC and/or regulatory colleges;
- counsellors and psychotherapists to meet post-graduate supervision hours for licensure or registration through a regulatory college; and
- enhance the therapeutic effectiveness of counsellors and psychotherapists.



and a system of voluntary professional  
for continued growth and development for

# Applying for the CCC-S Designation

You can apply for the CCC-S designation using one of the following pathways:

**Pathway One:** CCPA-Sponsored Graduate Coursework in Clinical Supervision

**Pathway Two:** Graduate Course in Clinical Supervision

**Pathway Three:** Clinical Supervisor Training obtained through another Canadian or international professional association with requirements equivalent to or greater than CCPA's supervisor certification process

**For core criteria related to all pathways and to help determine which pathway is the most appropriate for you, please visit:**

<http://www.ccpa-accp.ca/en/supervisorcriteria/>

or

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