

## **College of Counselling Therapy of Prince Edward Island Established with Focus on Protecting the Public**

On August 1, 2021, the College of Counselling Therapy of Prince Edward Island (CCTPEI) was officially established. This is a significant step forward for regulation of the Counselling Therapy profession. This means that anyone who is using the title “Counselling Therapist” or “CT” or who wishes to use those titles will be required to register with the CCTPEI.

The CCTPEI is dedicated to the protection of the public by ensuring they receive services from qualified Counselling Therapy professionals. As such, an important function of the CCTPEI is to receive complaints from the public regarding those who practice as Counselling Therapists in Prince Edward Island on or after August 1, 2021.

The CCTPEI is also required to ensure that the mandate of the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, the *Regulated Health Professions Act Counselling Therapists Regulations*, and the College of Counselling Therapy of Prince Edward Island’s Bylaws is fulfilled.

The CCTPEI, as part of the Regulatory process, has established a public registry of Counselling Therapists who are considered to be in “good standing” in Prince Edward Island. To be considered in good standing, Counselling Therapists must satisfy the CCTPEI that they have completed the necessary education and training requirements for safe and ethical practice in Prince Edward Island, as well as meet best practice requirements on an annual basis to maintain their standing as registrants.

Counselling Therapists who are currently practicing as of August 1, 2021, and who hold approved designations from other qualified associations are considered deemed registrants of the CCTPEI. They must renew their registration **by no later than November 1, 2021** to maintain their status as deemed registrants. Additionally, Counselling Therapists who are registered with another provincial College of Counselling Therapy in Canada are eligible to apply to become registered with CCTPEI as a Labour Mobility Transfer applicant.

The CCTPEI’s operations are managed by a Registrar and supported by a Council.

For more information on the CCTPEI, the process to become registered as a Counselling Therapist, and the CCTPEI’s role in encouraging the safe, ethical and competent practice of Counselling Therapy in Prince Edward Island, please visit the CCTPEI’s website at [www.cctpei.ca](http://www.cctpei.ca)