



Christian Counsellors Association of Australia

Dear Members and friends,

This is a special eNews for CCAA TASMANIA members and subscribers. Please feel free to forward this to interested friends.

The Association of Choice for Christian counsellors

CCAA aims to be the association of choice for Christian counsellors.

Most counselling associations, such as CCAA and PCA, are essentially equal in the credibility they provide you as a professional registered counsellor. So why join a secular association when CCAA is founded on a Christian world view? Maybe better still, be involved in two associations of your choice, for professional breadth, but please consider making CCAA your first choice.

At the CCAA National Committee in September 2011, a decision was made to introduce two new levels into the existing CCAA Associate structure: Student and Intern.

It was also proposed that there be a simplification to the forms and process for joining CCAA as a Graduate or Clinical member, while maintaining mandatory PACFA standards. Studying formal theology while still recommended will not be a requirement.

New Membership Levels - Student and Intern

At our next membership renewal CCAA TAS will be giving special acknowledgement to Interns. You will be able to become a 'CCAA Intern', place 'CCAA (Intern)' after your name and list on our website. Conditions will apply.

CCAA Intern Level

Associates who have completed their basic academic training fulfilling PACFA requirements of 40 face to face counseling hours plus 10 hours supervision, will be eligible to apply to be recognized at the new level of CCAA Intern on the basis that:

- They are counselling with the aim of achieving Graduate status.
- They are receiving 1 hour supervision to 4 hours counselling.
- They are fulfilling professional development requirement of 15 hours per year, equivalent to registered members.
- They have adequate insurance.

Internship is valid for a maximum of three (3) years only and will carry an annual fee of \$145. Although not yet eligible for PACFA registration, an Intern with CCAA TAS will be permitted to advertise their Intern status including listing on the Find a Christian

Counsellor Website as 'Intern'. They will also be able to use the nomenclature "CCAA (Intern)".

CCAA Student Level

Students studying counselling, who have yet to meet the requirement of 40 hours of counselling related to 10 hours of Supervision and, as such, have not yet achieved formal professional recognition will be eligible to be recognised at the new level of Student. The fee for this sub level of Associate will be \$60 per year with the capitation for those at Student level set at half of the standard capitation fee.

Please Note: The above levels will come into effect for the 2012-2013 membership subscription period, with updated information to the CCAA website and the creation of the appropriate membership and renewal application forms to be generated in the coming months.

New Training Standards for Supervisors

With effect from January 1, 2012 the following PACFA Supervision Training Standards will also apply:

Entry level:

A minimum total of 5 years clinical experience as a Clinical Member of CCAA.

PACFA has proposed a transition time line listed below to allow our current supervisors to bring their training and practice into line with the new standards.

PACFA Transition Accreditation Pathway (until January 2017) Supervisors must have

- Evidence to show 50 hours over a minimum of 2 years of practice as a supervisor
- Evidence of a minimum of 10 hours of supervision on supervision
- Evidence of a minimum of 20 hours training or professional development in supervision

TABOR College is running a supervision training course in early January for those who would like to be supervisors or needing to refresh. Check the CCAA Tas page on the CCAA website.

CCAA Journal

Our professional-quality glossy CCAA Journal, free to members, is coming your way soon it will be distributed to members over the new year period. This journal is produced every two years. The current journal contains early information regarding our **National conference to be held in Adelaide in September 2012**

Bless You,

Lyndy Burt, President CCAA (Tas), CCAA Supervision Chair