

Model Standards for Telepsychology Service

On August 29th, 2014, the College of Psychologists of New Brunswick (CPNB), adopted the Model Standards for Telepsychology Service, developed by the Association of Canadian Psychology Regulatory Organizations (ACPRO), as an Advisory for Psychological Practice.

As an Advisory, these standards are not incorporated into the CPNB'S By-Laws and Code of Conduct, but are provided as advice to members regarding important issues to be carefully considered in offering telepsychology services.

Telepsychology relates to services provided both within New Brunswick and across jurisdictional boundaries. All members need to verify with other jurisdictions if contemplating services, in order to follow their respective requirements in regards to the delivery of psychological services/telepsychology.

In developing the Model Standards, ACPRO's goal was to seek consistency in standards and expectations among regulatory Colleges and Boards across Canada regarding the delivery of telepsychology services. As Model Standards, they reflect a consensus on this important regulatory issue. As ACPRO Model Standards, they have no force unless and until they are adopted by the individual Canadian regulatory College or Board.

At this time, the CPNB has chosen to adopt the ACPRO Model Standards as advice to members. These may be incorporated into the By-Laws and code of conduct in the future.

The ACPRO document Model Standards for Telepsychology Service is reproduced in full as it provides both background information and context for the Model Standards. Please note that ACPRO, as a pan-Canadian organization, chose to use the term "psychologist" to include all practitioners of psychological services, reflecting the variety of terms currently in use across the country.