Counselling Psychology program change FAQs:

1. What will the “new” program look like?
   - We will be expanding our program in order to provide a comparable counselling psychology entry-to-practice training that is in-keeping with current trends and counselling education programs across Canada. In short, the program will expand from a 36 credit to a 48 credit masters.
   - We are considering FACT-NL’s communications regarding an incoming regulatory college that will provide regulatory options for counselling therapists in practice in Newfoundland and Labrador. Please see FACT-NL’s preliminary website for questions about regulation; www.fact-nl.org
   - Our core content will be rejuvenated and expanded, and additional elective content will be developed; including trauma-informed, interprofessional practice, and additional applied-skills learning in group and individual counselling contexts.
   - Program delivery methods will continue to consider the needs of our students and their ever-changing contexts. As always, we plan on maintaining diverse delivery methods, including; online, in-person theory and practice, seminar, experiential techniques, weekend and week-long intensives, and community and school-based internships.
   - The new program cannot be completed in full online, and is not an online degree. While online options will be offered, in-person attendance will be required for all registered students.
2. **When is this program expected to accept part-time students again?**  
   Part time applicants will be accepted again in either September 2020, or 2021. We’ll provide an update as soon as we’ve confirmed this timeline, so please check this site regularly.

3. **Will the prerequisites change, remain the same or will there be more?**  
   Our current prerequisites are ED3210, ED3211, ED2900, ED4240, and ED3280, and these will not change for the 2019 admission. Prerequisites for the new 2020 program are under review. We will provide ample notice of any changes made to prerequisites and/or equivalencies with an aim of supporting prospective applicants.

4. **Will there be any advantage of those who did apply for part time for this February cycle in terms of acceptance when it does become available?**  
   As is typical for how our program operates, there is no advantage provided to previous applicants, and part-time candidates will be asked to reapply. However, given these recent changes, we will allow those who have applied for part-time status for the 2019 September admission who would like to be considered for full-time status, can amend their application to full time consideration can do so on or before Thursday, February 28th. Please follow up with Jillian Gosse at jilliang@mun.ca with your intentions.

5. **Is it possible to apply for another masters program and complete a couple of electives in the meantime and transfer them over if accepted to the new Counselling program?**  
   At this developmental point, we do not have a clear idea of what our new electives will look like, including whether they will be open or closed to other graduate programs in Education. Additionally, due to differing criteria, admission into one graduate program does not guarantee entry into another, so transfers are not possible. Consequently, we advise holding off pursuing this option and reapplying to our new program in 2020.