

Instructions for Internationally Trained Applicants

Decisions on the acceptability of any applicant's education, training, and supervised experience, for registration with PAM are made by the registration and membership committee and Executive Council. This process involves a review of documentation submitted by an applicant, which includes transcripts from the training institution which granted the applicant's graduate degree in psychology.

For those applicants who are graduates of non-North American psychology training programs, in order for PAM to evaluate your application, an equivalence assessment will need to be done. An equivalence assessment determines how closely your degree matches a Masters or Doctoral degree in psychology that would be granted by a Canadian/North American University. The educational program criteria listed on the PAM website are based on training models which are consistent with the CPA accreditation standards, and widely accepted across North America.

In order to perform this equivalence assessment, we request that you submit information to an external credentialing agency (third-party assessor) for review. PAM has experience with 2 such agencies: World Education Services and Comparative Educational Services at the University of Toronto. There are other organizations that perform this type of assessment. Once you have obtained an equivalence assessment from either of these agencies (or any agency approved by the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES)), this agency will furnish PAM with a report commenting on the equivalence of your degree to that offered by a Canadian/North American University training program. Your application can then be processed in the usual manner, consistent with guidelines and processes outlined elsewhere on this website. In exceptional circumstances, where all original documentation is unavailable to an internationally trained applicant, PAM Council will (on a case-by-case basis) consider alternative documentation to support an application.

Should you require financial assistance to complete this application process, the following link provides information on such supports:

[Information on Financial Supports](#)

If at any time you have any questions about this process or other registration concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the registrar at pam@mymts.net.