

Providence Theological Seminary Application Addendum

Master of Arts in Counselling

Master of Divinity, Pastoral Counselling Track

Master of Arts in Counselling Psychology

Graduate Certificate in Applied Counselling

Emotional Intelligence (EI) refers to a distinct combination of emotional and social skills and competencies that influence our overall capability to cope effectively with the demands and pressure of work and life. The Providence Theological Seminary Counselling Department would like to complete an online emotional intelligence assessment instrument, the Emotional Quotient Inventory (EQ-i). Incorporating more than 20 years' research and development, the EQ-i is a psychometrically sound, validated assessment instrument that is applied to EI assessment and development at individual, team, and organizational levels. The EQ-i is one of the most respected and recognized EI assessment instruments worldwide and it will provide us with a robust and intuitive framework to address questions.

Acceptance to Providence Seminary

The EQ-i is only one component of your application to be considered in the admissions process. The results of the EQ-i will not alone determine your entrance or denial into the Providence Graduate Certificate in Applied Counselling, Master of Arts in Counselling, or Master of Arts in Counselling Psychology programs. The entrance requirements into these programs state the following:

"Fitness for counselling ministry and practice requires a high level of psychological health, including self-awareness, self-acceptance, self-knowledge, self-confidence, courage, resilience, purpose in life, balance, moderation, and emotional stability. Applicants are required to complete a standardized questionnaire (EQ-i 2.0), the results of which will be used by the Counselling Department to gauge suitability for the counselling profession. Some applicants may also be required to complete an interview with a member of the department as part of the application process. Applicants whose questionnaire or interview results indicate hindrances to the counselling profession may be denied acceptance to Seminary" (5.2.1 and 5.2.2 Providence Seminary Academic Catalogue).

New Requirement

A Criminal Record check and a Vulnerable Sector check are also required to be submitted along with the other supporting application documents (i.e. references, medical form, university/college transcript).

Confidentiality

Your assessment answers and results will be held in the strictest confidence according to Providence's procedures for handling application materials. Members of the Admissions Committee will see your results for the purposes of determining your eligibility for the program, and members of the Counselling Department may have access to your results for educational purposes during your enrollment as a student. Following your assessment, you may be requested to schedule a one-on-one interview with a member of the Counselling Department to discuss your results. These conversations will be scheduled for one hour and just like your results, will be completely confidential.

Cost

The cost of the EQ-i is included in the application fee.

EQ-i Results

If desired, you may request a summary of your EQ-i results by contacting the Enrollment Office.

Future Research Study

The Counselling Department would like to request that you grant your permission to Providence to store your assessment data for use in future research projects, such as understanding the general EQ-i characteristics of graduate counselling students, or how EQ-i results relate to future success and satisfaction in counselling. If you choose to grant this permission, your questionnaire data will be available for researchers from the Providence Counselling Department to use for future research. You may also be contacted in the future for participation in research projects

involving your original EQ-i data. Before accessing your EQ-i data, the researcher must provide an approval letter from an appropriate research ethics committee to conduct the research. Your data will be kept confidential and store in accordance with the stipulations specified by the ethics committee in keeping with the Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans. The results of any admissions interview resulting from your questionnaire will not be used for research purposes.

Your data has been collected for the purposes of admission to the Seminary. There are no predicted or identifiable risks to you if you choose to allow your data to be used in future research projects.

Should you choose to grant permission for your data to be used for research purposes, there will be no direct benefit to you from these studies. However, research studies using your data may benefit society and the field of counselling in general, as it may facilitate general understanding of emotional intelligence and the training and practice of counselling. The results of any research studies **will not affect your application, admission, or enrollment at Providence**. Reports about research done with your data will not be given to you, although any research results published in academic journals or other publications or produced in presentations will be available for your review as they are available for review by the general public. These reports will be put in your Providence student record. Your data will be used only for research and will not be sold. The research done with your data may help to develop new products in the future, which may have monetary value, but you will not get paid.

Voluntary Participation and Withdrawal

The choice to let Providence keep your data for future research is up to you. No matter what you decide to do, it will not affect your chances of acceptance to the Seminary in any way. If you decide now that your data can be kept for research, you can change your mind at any time. Just contact the Providence Office (info@prov.ca) and let us know that you do not want Providence to use your data and your information will be removed from the research pool. Your data will still be retained according to Providence's procedures for handling application materials but will not be used for research.

Consent

Please read each sentence below and think about your choice. After reading each sentence, circle "yes" or "no". If you have any questions, please talk to the Seminary Admissions Counsellor. Remember, no matter what you decide to do about the storage of your data for any future research, you will not jeopardize your chances for acceptance to the Seminary in any way. By signing this form, you are agreeing that:

The results of your EQ-i assessment will be kept by Providence Theological Seminary for use in future research. **YES** **NO**

Name (Please Print)

Signature

Date

Contact Us

You may have questions or concerns that are not answered by this letter. You are welcome to direct your questions to:

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