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IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE MHSc COUNSELLING PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAMME

It is with sincere regret that the School of Psychosocial Health informs you that we will not admit new students to the MHSc in Counselling Psychology for the 2027 and 2028 academic years.

Despite sustained efforts to recruit and retain suitably qualified staff, we are currently experiencing a critical shortage of personnel registered as Counselling Psychologists. This capacity is essential to maintaining the high standard of training expected in this programme.

We remain deeply proud of the programme and its standing within the Counselling Psychology landscape, and this action has been taken in the interest of safeguarding the programme's integrity and future quality.

This outcome followed careful consideration and consultation with multiple stakeholders. While difficult, we believe it is a necessary step that will give us the time and space to thoughtfully evaluate and determine the most sustainable and appropriate path forward.

We appreciate your understanding and continued support as we work to ensure the programme's long-term strength and contribution.

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