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Legislation, organizational aspects, continuing education, professional recognition

Besides the postgraduate program in health psychology established at the Department of Psychology at the University of Crete, modules / courses on health psychology are also offered within postgraduate programmes at Medical Schools and Public Health Institutes. Moreover, there are plans for establishing at least one more postgraduate program in health psychology within the next few years. During the last years, a growing number of young scientists are applying for PhD programs in health psychology.

At present, there are no regulations regarding the professional role of health psychologists. As a general rule, tasks and responsibilities depend

on a complex array of setting-related needs and customs. However, a close collaboration between the Hellenic Association of Hospital Psychologists and the Division of Clinical and Health Psychology of the Hellenic Psychological Society has been established. This collaboration aims at determining the appropriate conditions and procedures regarding the training and supervision of postgraduate students in Health and Clinical Psychology, as well as clarifying the role and duties of professional psychologists. A relevant leaflet including suggestions made by a joint committee was published a few years ago. Also, an informal task force has been created in order to promote the implementation of these suggestions.

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