

## **Important information about PA training at SFU**

### **Dear PSI training candidates in the PA subject-specific course at SFU!**

As there are always irritations, ambiguities and interruptions in the exchange of information with the PSI, we would like to provide you with some basic clarifications in writing.

### **Psychoanalytic training at the SFU**

You do an academic training in psychotherapy science at SFU. In addition, the practical, professional qualifying part is carried out by the PSI. The responsibility for the academic studies lies with the SFU, that for the professional training with the PSI. In this respect, you must **maintain regular contact with both institutions in order** to be able to carry out your training as smoothly as possible. It is often the case that the academic degree has already been completed at SFU, but the professional qualification (the K2) has not yet taken place at PSI, and therefore the target-oriented training steps must be specifically agreed with PSI.

To ensure all this, there is, among other things, **PSI membership** throughout your education. SFU pays the membership for the first six semesters for you (i.e. from B5-M4). After that, you have to pay the further PSI membership fees yourself.

### **On the subject of membership fees**

Through your membership fees, you remain anchored in the PSI during your training period and receive support from us in all educational matters. These membership fees are covered by SFU for the first 6 semesters, as already mentioned. This usually corresponds to the period from B5 (entry into the subject-specific course) to M4 (completion of the academic studies). After that, i.e. from the seventh semester after entry into B5, you will be listed as an MR-PA student. From this point on, you have to pay the PSI membership fees yourself. Currently this is 70€ per semester. This is also in line with the legal requirement that a candidate for training must be a member of the responsible training association.

### **Delinquencies:**

We ask for your understanding that we do not want to constantly chase after these membership fees and thus have to waste unnecessary time on reminders. Therefore, please set up a standing order as long as you are in training with us. This makes the procedure easier for us as well as for you.

### **At the end of the training:**

The agreement concluded by PSI with SFU states that you can only complete the profession-specific degree (the K2) at PSI after your academic degree (Mag., MA). Exceptions have to be applied for specifically, e.g. if someone already has a full academic degree, they can apply for a special

arrangement and possibly complete the PSI degree before completing the psychotherapy science degree.

After **completing your training**, you will have the opportunity to extend your membership in the form of associate membership of the PSI. You will then be a member of the currently largest psychoanalytic training institute in Austria, the PSI, and will be at home in your training centre, so to speak. You will then receive regular information on professional policy, psychoanalytical events and members' meetings, etc.... In the event of disputes or legal proceedings in the professional context, you are also protected by membership in the PSI and can count on appropriate support.

### **Important information on keeping in touch with the PSI:**

We usually inform you about the email address they have received from SFU and also use regularly during your studies. We also use this email address to inform you about PSI events, educational seminars at SFU and PSI and also corresponding membership fees. However, if someone stops using this SFU mail for various reasons or loses their access, for example, due to the end of their studies at SFU, the flow of information with PSI is then no longer guaranteed. **Therefore, it is essential that you also provide us with your private or professional e-mail address** so that you can still be contacted by PSI during your studies. In any case, we recommend that you regularly check your SFU mailbox or set up a forwarding service.

We stress again that it is also your responsibility to remain available for PSI!

Since the SFU and the PSI store and manage your training data independently of each other, it is important, for example in the case of **leaves of absence, that you then also apply for these at the PSI**, independently of applying for a leave of absence at the SFU. For example, there is the case that someone interrupts their academic studies, but would like to continue their specialist training at PSI during this period, because they are already working with patients, for example. This information to us is important because otherwise you would be excluded from our training for this period due to the leave of absence at the SFU and thus could no longer legitimately work with patients.

We hope to have contributed to more clarity with this information so that you as training candidates and we as a training association can continue to work together in the best sense and that together we can implement your psychoanalytic training constructively and with joy.

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