Dear Colleagues,

Does CACREP accreditation yield a good return on investment?

I believe this question can be answered with a resounding YES. First, CACREP has a 30 year reputation as representing the highest standards for counselor preparation. Many students come to your institution because of CACREP accreditation. Even a decade ago, dissertation research conducted by Leah Brew found that when counseling programs achieve CACREP accreditation, it was reported that both the number of applications and quality of applicants to their programs increased. In addition, this research reported that after gaining CACREP accreditation, the percentage of students passing the NCE increased, as well as faculty productivity related to professional activities (publishing and presenting). CACREP accreditation has been shown to have a positive impact on programs.

The most important element in your investment in accreditation is the benefits for students. Students enroll in your programs not only to become licensed but to get jobs. Employers prefer graduates of CACREP-accredited programs. The Veterans Administration recently announced that they would only recognize licensed counselors who graduated from a CACREP-accredited program as approved providers.

The Secretary of the Army recently issued a directive that substance abuse counselors must be graduates of CACREP accredited programs, which may affect hiring throughout the military health system. These decisions were based, in part, on the recommendations of The Institute of Medicine (IOM), an independent, nonprofit organization that works outside of government to provide unbiased and authoritative advice to decision makers.
makers and the public. After extensive research and hearings the IOM recognized CACREP as the accrediting body for counselor education. Based on their recommendations it is likely that more federal and state agencies will require CACREP-accreditation. This is a tremendous benefit to the graduates of your program.

So I hope you agree, even with tight budgets, CACREP is a sound return on your investment.

Kind Regards,

Martin Ritchie,
CACREP Chair

**New Application Form**

We have revised the Application for Accreditation to include clearer information about assessment and campus sites. The revised version can be found on the website with other Resources for Programs information. read more >

**Job Opening at CACREP**

CACREP is Hiring a New Director of Research and Information Services. We are announcing this exciting new employment opportunity in our Alexandria headquarter offices. Our new Director will oversee the research initiatives and compile and analyze information to inform the accreditation process and CACREP’s diverse constituents. The deadline for applications is November 1. See the Job Announcement. read more >

**Board Member Positions**

This Fall, the CACREP is seeking applicants for two Counselor Education and one Practitioner position on the Board beginning July 1, 2012. We really need your help in identifying practitioners who would be interested on serving on the CACREP Board. Think about site supervisors affiliated with your program or graduates of your program who might have an interest and aptitude for this level of involvement.

If you or someone on your faculty is interested in the Counselor Education positions or you have a practitioner candidate in mind, the application can be found on the CACREP website. The deadline is October 15, 2011 and any questions can be directed to 703-535-5990 or cacrep@cacrep.org. read more >

**NBCC Foundation to Offer Scholarships**

The NBCC Foundation is once again offering scholarships to students in CACREP programs whose focus is military or rural counseling. If you have students who fit into this category, please pass this along to them. More information can be found on the CACREP website. read more >
**Student Research Grants**

CACREP programs have bright and creative students who can learn lots about the profession by engaging in research. Plus, conducting research is a great way to learn by doing. To support student research efforts, the CACREP Board is offering grants of up to $500!

These grants are available only to students in CACREP–accredited programs. The research must be relevant to CACREP’s mission and it can be conducted by a single student, a group of students, students in master’s level programs, or students involved in dissertation or other doctoral-level research.

There are no proposal submission deadlines. Proposals are received at any time and will be evaluated within approximately 30 days by a committee of the board. Visit [www.cacrep.org](http://www.cacrep.org) for more information on how to submit a proposal -- under News and Events - for Students. read more >

**CACREP Liaison Responsibilities Developed**

The CACREP Office has recently had a number of questions about the qualifications and specific responsibilities of the official CACREP Liaison. To help address these questions, we have created a "Job Description" for the CACREP Liaison at an institution with CACREP accredited programs. This can be found in the Resources for Programs section of the website. read more >

**Events at ACES in Nashville**

**Thursday, October 27, 2011**

**11am - 12pm**

Join us Thursday at the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision in Nashville.

CACREP will be holding three session at the ACES conference this month. First **Table Talk** will be open to everyone. Normally it is restricted to faculty at accredited programs, but this year everyone is welcome! It will be held Thursday, October 27 from 11 am - noon.

After that, stay for the **Introduction to the 2016 Standards Revision Process** that will start at 1:30. This two hours session will introduce the members of the Committee and be the first opportunity to provide feedback on their task of revising the CACREP Standards.

Finally, if you are already trained as a team member or chair, join us at **Conducting a Visit Under the 2009 Standards** at 3:30. This session will go over the ins and outs of accreditation visits using the 2009 Standards. No registration is necessary, but we will be checking to see that only trained visitors attend.

Please check the program guide for room locations. read more >

**POLICY UPDATES**

**New Policies Adopted in July 2011**

The new policy is the **Multiple Sites Policy** which provides a structure for creating and reviewing programs offered at different campus sites. This policy will be applied to programs from this point forward. The second policy is a replacement...
for the policy on Equivalent Program Requirement. The third is a revision of the Adding A Program During Accreditation. read more >

SRC COMMITTEE UPDATES

Out of the Gate

Every eight years a committee is formed to examine the relevance and timeliness of the existing CACREP Standards to current and future needs of our profession. The 2016 Standards Revision Committee (SRC) was selected earlier this year and we held our first meeting this July in Alexandria, VA. We had a brief tour of the CACREP offices and quickly got to work. Although we anticipate that our plans will evolve over time, we wanted to take this opportunity to share our plan for approaching this Standards revision process. read more >

ACCREDITATION DECISIONS

The CACREP Board of Directors met July 14-16, 2011, in Alexandria, VA and rendered the accreditation decisions listed below. The next meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for January 2012.

The following programs were granted accreditation († indicates initial accreditation and the date in parentheses is the accreditation expiration date).

Ball State University, IN
Clinical Mental Health Counseling and School Counseling (October 31, 2013)

Barry University, FL
Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling, School Counseling, and Counselor Education and Supervision (March 31, 2013)

Colorado Christian University, CO
†Clinical Mental Health Counseling (October 31, 2013)

Fairleigh Dickinson University, NJ
†Clinical Mental Health Counseling (October 31, 2013)

Georgia State University, GA
Clinical Mental Health Counseling, School Counseling, and Counselor Education and Supervision (October 31, 2013)

James Madison University, VA
Clinical Mental Health Counseling and School Counseling (October 31, 2013)

Pennsylvania State University, PA
School Counseling and Counselor Education and Supervision (October 31, 2019)

Pittsburg State University, KS
Pittsburg State University

University of Memphis, TN
Clinical Mental Health Counseling, School Counseling, and Counselor Education and Supervision (March 31, 2013).

University of Northern Colorado, CO
Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling, School Counseling, and Counselor Education and Supervision (March 31, 2013).

University of Virginia, VA
School Counseling (October 31, 2013)

University of Wisconsin Stout, WI
†School Counseling (October 31, 2019)

The following programs submitted Interim Reports and were granted continued accreditation:

Argosy University Atlanta, GA
Community Counseling (October 31, 2017)

Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico
Community Counseling (October 31, 2013)

University of Mississippi, MS
Community Counseling, School Counseling, and Counselor Education and Supervision (October 31, 2016)

West Chester University, PA
School Counseling and Student Affairs (October 31 2017)
Rowan University, NJ
†School Counseling (October 31, 2019)

Shippensburg University, PA
Clinical Mental Health Counseling, School Counseling, and Student Affairs/College Counseling (October 21, 2013)

University of Florida, FL
Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling, School Counseling, and Counselor Education and Supervision (March 31, 2013)

University of Iowa, IA
Clinical Mental Health Counseling, School Counseling, and Counselor Education and Supervision (March 31, 2019)

West Virginia University, WV
Community Counseling and School Counseling (March 31, 2017)

The following programs submitted were granted an extension of their accredited programs:

Arkansas State University, AR
Emporia State University, KS
Radford University, VA
State University of New York, College at Plattsburgh, NY
University of New Mexico, NM
Western Kentucky University, KY