

Table Talk ACES 2023

Announcements

1. New Board Members who began on July 1, 2023 are: Counselor educators: Dr. Aaron Mertes & Dr. Carlos del Rio, and Practitioner Dr. John Steward.
2. CACREP Board openings for a five-year term beginning July 1, 2024 are for two Counselor Educators and one Public member. The deadline for application is November 3, 2023. Details can be found on the CACREP [website](#). We are in need of counselor educators with School Counseling expertise.
3. The CACREP accreditation review process is primarily a peer review process, with counselor educators and practitioners serving as reviewers at all levels of review: as academic review specialists, site visitors, and board members. CACREP is actively recruiting counselor educators and practitioners with expertise in any of the counseling specialty areas and/or in doctoral counselor education and supervision doctoral programs to [apply](#) to serve as site visitors. Rehabilitation Counseling, School Counseling, and Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling are the current highest needs areas, but applications from individuals with expertise in any of the specialty areas and/or doctoral programs are welcomed.
Benefits of serving as a site visitor include providing national service to the profession, contributing to quality assurance in counselor preparation, gaining exposure to innovative ideas, and engaging in individual professional development. For more information on the site visitor approval and training process and on what serving as a site visitor entails, please contact CACREP's Site Visit Coordinator, Shantae Watkins (swatkins@cacrep.org).
CACREP conducts a growing number of site visits every year. We hope you will consider applying and would greatly appreciate it if you could encourage new faculty and your colleagues to apply as well.
4. The [CACREP 2024 Standards](#) were released this summer. If you have any questions, please first check out the [FAQs](#).
5. CACREP Vital Statistics surveys for academic year 2022-2023 have been sent out with a completion due date of December 31, 2023. Email links were sent to CACREP Program Liaisons, so if you did not receive it, [email](#) us and let us know.
6. Effective January 1, 2024 CACREP will no longer provide a hardcopy of the Certificate of Accreditation. An electronic copy can be provided upon request.

Updates

1. *Accreditation Decisions*. This year the CACREP Board implemented new categories of [accreditation and reaffirmation](#) of accredited status decisions and categories of [monitoring decisions](#).
2. *Accreditation Management System*. An on-going CACREP goal is to provide expanded services and support to our accredited programs. CACREP is in the midst of a multi-year development and implementation process for the AMS. It will be rolled out to programs and reviewers in stages. The AMS will provide more information to programs on an on-demand basis and ultimately will provide report templates, including for a self-study report, that will allow programs to develop and submit reports online.

3. [2024 CACREP Standards Guidance Document](#). To assist programs, understand the letter and spirit of the standards, a Guidance Document has been developed. The purpose of this Guidance Document is to assist programs when writing their Self-Study Report and any other reports or communication relative to the 2024 Standards during the accreditation cycle. For each standard, there is a brief explanation of what the standard is about, things to consider when responding, what documents are required (if any), examples of appropriate supporting documents, and relevant policies. This guide will serve as a resource for programs and reviewers at all levels - students, liaisons, desk reviewers, site reviewers, and Board to provide a common resource and understanding and to facilitate communication between programs and reviewers
4. *Policy Revisions* can be found in the [Policy Document](#).
[Use of New Standards](#) – When CACREP implements new or revised standards, programs submitting applications for accreditation or reaffirmation of accreditation on or after the effective date of the new standards must demonstrate compliance with the new standards. All programs currently accredited must come into compliance with the new standards within two years of the effective date of the new standards.
Beginning July 1, 2026, all required reports submitted must be based on the 2024 CACREP Standards regardless of the set of standards under which the program was granted its current accreditation. Board reviews and accreditation and monitoring decisions will be based on the 2024 Standards.
5. *Counseling Compact*. CACREP continues to advocate with the Counseling Compact Commission to value Professional Counselor identity and protect the license for professional counselors in the Counseling Compact. In the [Open Letter](#) to the American Counseling Association Governing Council the specific issues addressed are identified.
6. *CACREP Bulletin*. Since November 2021 CACREP Liaisons have been receiving a monthly CACREP Bulletin that identifies new content to the website and reminders of upcoming deadlines. Liaisons have been asked to forward the Bulletin to all faculty. Please be sure you are getting yours.
7. *CACREP Connection Newsletter*. We have brought back CACREP’s newsletter, which is sent to the larger community. If you have suggestions for topics or articles or are interested in contributing a newsletter article on a topic related to CACREP, please contact us through cacrep@cacrep.org.