



Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs

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Dr. Stacy Volnick
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Dear Dr. Volnick:

The Board of Directors (“Board”) of the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) met January 11-13, 2024, for the purpose of making accreditation decisions. Three counseling specialty areas and a doctoral program housed in the College of Education at Florida Atlantic University were reviewed under the 2016 CACREP Standards. The Board made the following decisions:

Clinical Mental Health Counseling (M.Ed. degree)

Reaffirm Accreditation

Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling (M.Ed. degree)

Accredit

School Counseling (M.Ed. degree)

Reaffirm Accreditation

Counselor Education and Supervision (Ph.D. degree)

Reaffirm Accreditation

The Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling, and School Counseling specialty areas and the doctoral Counselor Education and Supervision program are offered primarily in person at the Boca Raton, Florida campus. Some courses (less than 50% of the coursework) are offered in person at the Jupiter campus or in a digitally delivered format.

The Board based the above listed accreditation decisions on an extensive review of the self-study documents, the site review team’s report, and the institution’s response to the site review team’s report. The Board makes the decision to reaffirm accreditation or accredit when it determines that the program has demonstrated that a counseling specialty area or doctoral program is in full compliance with all applicable accreditation standards and policies.

The accreditation cycle for the Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling, and School Counseling specialty areas and the doctoral Counselor Education and Supervision program runs through March 31, 2032. Barring the interruption of accredited status for the specialty areas and/or doctoral program, resulting from voluntary withdrawal or the review of required reports during the accreditation cycle, the program's application and self-study report for reaffirmation of accreditation will be due approximately eighteen months prior to the cycle end date.

The CACREP Board approved additional retroactive recognition for program graduates (CACREP Policy 5.a) due to COVID-19-related delays in scheduling a site visit. The length of added time is based on the length of the delay that occurred. Retroactive recognition of graduates from the Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling (CLRC) specialty area at Florida Atlantic University as graduates of a CACREP-accredited counseling specialty area will extend back to January 13, 2022. This decision is specific to CLRC as this is an initial accreditation for this specialty area as it replaces the formerly accredited time-limited Clinical Mental Health Counseling and Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling specialty area.

Please note [CACREP Policy 4.b - Publicizing Accreditation Status and Use of CACREP Logo](#). Written requests for permission to use the CACREP Certification Mark should be sent to cacrep@cacrep.org.

On behalf of the CACREP Board, I would like to extend my thanks to you and your administration for the support provided to the counseling program throughout the accreditation process. Administrative support is considered vital to the process of continuous improvement of higher education programs. I extend congratulations, on behalf of the CACREP Board and Staff, to all of those involved in making this a successful accreditation review process.

Sincerely,



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President and CEO

cc: Dr. Stephen Silverman, Dean, College of Education
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