



Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs

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American Association of State Counseling Boards Business Meeting Friday October 30th 2020

The following are updates since the last AASCB Business Meeting in August 2019:

CACREP Board of Directors

- Dr. Amy Milsom began a two-year term as Chair of the [Board of Directors](#) on July 1, 2020.
- Drs, Margaret Glenn, Bitá Rivas, and Christopher Schmidt began a five-year term on the Board on July 1, 2020.
- Table Talks occurred in October 2020 with two more are scheduled: [November 6](#) and [November 13](#).

CACREP Operations

- Our offices relocated (note address above) to space that includes large meeting facilities convenient to hotel sites.
- Our [website](#) has been updated for accessibility.
- EDvera, an accreditation management system, has been obtained and development will begin soon.
- Beginning January 2021 all accreditations decisions will be announced including adverse actions under appeal.

Standards Revision

- The Board-appointed a six-person Standards Revision Committee (SRC) has been working since September 2019.
- Virtual [SRC Chats](#) have been occurring in October 2020 and there are two more scheduled in November.
- They are scheduled to release draft Standards sections for public comment in February 2021 and welcome your input.

Covid Pandemic Response

CACREP's position is that programs must continue to maintain compliance with the Standards while affording programs [accommodations and flexibilities](#). The following are those pertinent to licensure:

- Since March 2020 most programs have shifted to online delivery of their programs and incorporated distance/electronic service delivery and supervision in Practicum and Internship. CACREP is alert to the fact that some of these emergency measures may become permanent in the future.
- Students are permitted to carry over extra hours earned in Practicum into Internship and may be enrolled in Practicum and Internship simultaneously. These [two accommodations](#) are in effect until June 30, 2021.
- Site visits were cancelled in Spring 2020 and we are now conducting virtual site visits through June 30, 2021. Programs approved during March-December 2020 for site visits will be granted a [no penalty extension](#) on their current accreditation or an extension of the 18-month retroactive policy on a case-by-case basis for new programs.

For AASCB consideration

- Online delivery of programs (synchronous, asynchronous, competency-based) may become the norm, how will licensing boards that do not recognize online degrees respond?
- There is increased use of telebehavioral health and distance/electronic supervision in Practicum and Internship, how will licensing boards that do not recognize distance/electronic delivery of services or supervision respond?
- The Masters in Psychology and Counseling Accreditation Council and the American Psychological Association, both from a psychology orientation, are seeking to accredit Master's Counseling programs. How will licensing boards preserve the Counseling academic preparation requirements and the Counselor professional identity in the protection of the public?
- [Federal law](#) mandates institutions to inform students if the program meets educational requirements for licensure. If licensing boards require graduation from a CACREP-accredited program or adopt the CACREP counseling foundational curriculum, this will increase the pool of eligible practitioners and facilitate portability.