



Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs

500 Montgomery Street, Suite 350 • Alexandria, VA 22314 • (703) 535-5990 • www.cacrep.org

February 26, 2024

Ms. Joan Gabel, J.D.
Office of the Chancellor
University of Pittsburgh
4200 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15260

Dear Chancellor Gabel:

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. A counseling specialty area housed in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh was reviewed under the 2016 CACREP Standards. The Board made the following decisions:

Clinical Mental Health Counseling (M.S. degree)

Accredit

The Clinical Mental Health Counseling specialty area is offered in person at the Pittsburgh campus location.

This is an initial accreditation for the Clinical Mental Health Counseling specialty area which is replacing the formerly accredited, time-limited dual Clinical Mental Health Counseling and Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling specialty area.

The Board based the above listed accreditation decision 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 accredit when it determines that the program has demonstrated that a counseling specialty area is in full compliance with all applicable accreditation standards and policies.

The accreditation cycle for the Clinical Mental Health Counseling specialty area runs through March 31, 2032. Barring the interruption of accredited status for the specialty area, 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.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Sylvia Fernandez, Ph.D.".

M. Sylvia Fernandez, Ph.D.
President and CEO

cc: Dr. Anthony Delitto, Dean, School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences
Dr. Eric Meyer, Chair, Department of Counseling and Behavioral Health
Dr. Michelle Schein, CACREP Liaison