



Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs

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Dr. Waded Cruzado
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Dear Dr. Cruzado:

The Board of Directors (“Board”) of the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) met January 12-14, 2023, for the purpose of making accreditation decisions. Three counseling specialty areas housed in the College of Education, Health and Human Development at Montana State University were reviewed under the 2016 CACREP Standards. The Board made the following decisions:

Clinical Mental Health Counseling (M.S. degree)

Reaffirm Accreditation

Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling (M.S. degree)

Reaffirm Accreditation

School Counseling (M.Ed. degree)

Reaffirm Accreditation

The Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling, and School Counseling specialty areas are offered primarily in person at the Bozeman, Montana campus location.

* Please note that the counseling program has submitted a required Digital Delivery Report. The Board will provide developmental feedback on the program’s use of digital delivery and learning components when it completes its review of the Digital Delivery Report.

The Board based the above 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

reaffirms accreditation when it determines 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, Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling, and School Counseling specialty areas runs through March 31, 2031. Barring the interruption of accredited status for the specialty areas, 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.

A certificate of accreditation will be sent directly to Dr. Seifert. 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. Such support is considered vital to assuring continued quality in higher education programs. I extend congratulations, on behalf of the CACREP Board and Staff, to all of those involved in making this a successful reaffirmation of 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

Enclosure

cc: Dr. Tricia Seifert, Dean, College of Education, Health and Human Development
Dr. Rebecca Koltz, Department Head, Department of Health and Human Development
Dr. Anna Elliott, CACREP Liaison