



Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs

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Dear Dr. Balch,

As you know, due to the travel concerns and overall impact of the Covid-19 outbreak, all 2020 on-site visits to date have been cancelled. Although we do not know what will happen this Fall, CACREP piloted the option of a virtual site visit and developed eligibility criteria and protocols for such a visit. Not all visits will be eligible to be held in a virtual format, and for programs that are not eligible for a virtual site visit, we will reschedule the site visit when institutions return to a more normal operation. CACREP's site visit coordinator will be in touch with you to determine your eligibility and willingness to host a virtual site visit.

Because we do not know how long the health crisis will last, CACREP is granting extensions of accredited status to every program that was scheduled for a visit this Spring and Fall. The Board has approved a policy stipulation waiver for this to be a no penalty extension for programs. This means that it will not be counted against you in your next accreditation cycle.

With this extension, the new expiration date of your program will be October 31, 2021.

Please understand that we had 28 visits scheduled in Spring 2020, which has created a backlog. It will take some time to work through this list and the uncertainties of future travel means we don't have any firm dates in place. As stated above, we will be reaching out to you individually to discuss reviews, hopefully the extension indicated above will provide us with ample time to plan.

I hope everyone at your institution is staying safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

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Vice President of Accreditation and Training

cc: Dr. Christina MacDonald, Chair, Department of Applied Clinical and Educational Sciences