



Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs

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President William F. Tate IV
Office of the President
Rutgers University
7 College Avenue, 2nd Floor
New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901

Dear President William F. Tate IV:

The Board of Directors (“Board”) of the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) met July 16-18, 2026, for the purpose of making accreditation decisions. A counseling specialized practice area housed in the Graduate School of Education at Rutgers University was reviewed under the 2024 CACREP Standards. The Board made the following decision:

School Counseling (Ed.M. degree)

Reaffirm accreditation

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Graduate School of Education offers the specialized practice area degree program in a primarily in-person format at its New Brunswick, NJ campus. Some courses are offered in a digitally synchronous or asynchronous format.

The Board based the above accreditation decision on its 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 a decision to “reaffirm accreditation” when it determines that the program has demonstrated that a counseling specialized practice area is in full compliance with the CACREP Standards and Policies.

The accreditation cycle for the School Counseling specialized practice area runs through October 31, 2034.

Barring an interruption of accredited status, 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 specific due date will be reflected in CACREP’s [Accreditation Management System](#) (AMS) and is subject to change.

Please note [Policy C.2](#) on “Publicizing Accreditation Status and Use of CACREP Certification Mark.” Requests for permission to use the CACREP Certification Mark should be made in writing and 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. 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 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. Christopher Span, Dean, Graduate School of Education
Dr. Clark Chinn, Chair, Department of Educational Psychology
Ms. Melissa Freedman, CACREP Liaison