



ACCTA Liaison Report For CCTC March 2017

Description and Mission:

- The Association of Counseling Center Training Agencies (ACCTA) is an organization of 175 internship programs in college and university counseling centers across the United States and in Canada.
- The mission of ACCTA is to promote excellence in doctoral psychology internship training within university and college counseling centers. Fundamental to our values is appreciation of and support for diversity and the enrichment that an inclusive multicultural community brings to the organization and to training generally.
- ACCTA membership has steadily grown to its present level, adding 5-10 new member programs annually in recent years.
- ACCTA data points of interest to CCTC:
 - According to the 2016 ACCTA membership survey:
 - 73 % of survey participants indicated their programs are APA/CPA accredited
 - 92% are APPIC members
 - on average 3 full time interns per program
 - ACCTA has been supporting members toward accreditation and compliance with the new Standards of Accreditation (SoA), providing updates on the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) and the EPPP Pt. 2, continuing to attend to the internship match issues, supporting international interns and providing membership with information about work and visa issues, and increasing awareness of conscience clause legislation and implications for training in psychology.
 - Please visit our website for more information: <http://www.accta.net/>

Recent Activities and Issues of Importance:

- The 39th Annual ACCTA Conference was held from September 10 – 14th, 2016 at Coconut Point Hotel in Bonita Springs, Florida. This year's theme was *Self-Care as an Ethical Practice*. Our keynote speaker was Dr. Melba Vasquez, past president of APA. Dr. Vasquez's address was titled, *The Ethic of Self-Care: Enhancing Personal and Professional Lives*.
- Other topics and themes of the conference included:
 - Guidance for new training directors and internship development
 - Supervisor development
 - Training director development
 - Remediation Plans
 - Fair Labor Standards Act
 - Several sessions relate to Multicultural Issues in Internship Training (e.g. multicultural competence, racial and political issues in the U.S., religious and spirituality, supervisor awareness of racial trauma, & deconstructing safety), including addressed by two aspiring Training Directors selected as Diversity Scholars.

Future Directions:

- ACCTA will continue to support current and incoming members in acquiring and maintaining APA accreditation for internship programs.
- ACCTA continues to support the APA Model Licensure Act and APA’s Resolution on Accreditation for Programs that Prepare Psychologists to Provide Health Services.
- ACCTA will continue to take a primary focus on addressing how issues of Diversity and Difference, as well as social justice, impact psychological practice, as well as training in psychology.

Future Conferences:

- The 40th Annual ACCTA Conference will be held in Denver, Colorado from September 9-13, 2017.

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