



## American Psychological Association, Commission on Accreditation (APA-CoA)

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### PROFILE OF ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION

2020-2021

**Accreditor types:** Programmatic

**Recognition Status:** Recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education

**Range of Accreditation Activity:** The pre-accreditation and accreditation in the United States of doctoral programs in clinical, counseling, school psychology, (and combinations of 2 or more of these practice areas); doctoral internship programs in health service psychology; and postdoctoral residency programs in health service psychology.

**International Accreditation Activity:**

- 0** Non-U.S. institutions or programs operating outside the U.S.
- 0** U.S. institutions or programs operating outside the U.S.
- No** Organization evaluates credentials or degrees from outside the U.S.

**Sponsoring Organization:** American Psychological Association

**Composition of Decision-Making Body:**

32-member board composed of representatives for the Breadth of the Scientific Discipline of Psychology (5); Professional Education and Training in Psychology (16); Practitioners of the Profession Representing Independent, Institutional, and Specialized Practice (5); Public Interest (3); Graduate Student (1); and Open Seats (2)

**4,476,611** Operating Budget for Accrediting Unit Only

- 0** Direct support from any sponsoring organization
- 0** In-kind support from any sponsoring organization

**Employees: 16** Full-time **0** Part-time

**Volunteers: 127** - served 2020-2021

### PROFILE OF ACCREDITED PROGRAMS

2020-2021

**1,228** Accredited U.S and non-U.S. Programs

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>n/a</b> Degree-Granting:   | <b>n/a</b> Non-Degree-Granting: |
| <b>n/a</b> Public             | <b>n/a</b> Public               |
| <b>n/a</b> Private Nonprofit  | <b>n/a</b> Private Nonprofit    |
| <b>n/a</b> Private For-Profit | <b>n/a</b> Private For-Profit   |

**23,308** Students

### PROFILE OF ACCREDITATION ACTIVITIES

2020-2021

**Frequency of Comprehensive Reviews and Required Follow-Up:** While periodic comprehensive reviews for accredited programs occur on an up to 10-year basis, every program is reviewed every year on reporting requirements that include an attestation and data. Plus, an interim report is filed at the mid-point of the term for those programs awarded a 10-year time between reviews. Lastly, programs that are accredited on contingency have annual reporting requirements, plus the submission of data following a timeframe that requires the completion of full accreditation within an established period (e.g., 5 years).

**Frequency of Comprehensive Review of Accreditation Standards:** At least every 5 years.

**Summary of Formal Actions 2020-2021**

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| <b>8</b> Initial Candidacy or Preaccreditation Granted                                    | <b>n/a</b> Notice or Warning                 |
| <b>0</b> Initial Candidacy or Preaccreditation Denied                                     | <b>1</b> Probation                           |
| <b>10</b> Initial Accreditation Granted   | <b>n/a</b> Show Cause                        |
| <b>0</b> Initial Accreditation Denied   | <b>0</b> Accreditation Terminated or Removed |
| <b>57</b> Accreditation Continued Following Comprehensive Review                          | <b>0</b> Actions under Appeal                |
| <b>n/a</b> Accreditation Continued Following Comprehensive Review with Required Follow-up | <b>0</b> Other                               |

**Summary of Additional Actions**

**n/a** Substantive Changes Reviewed

**56** Site Visits

**20** Voluntary Discontinuance or Expiration of Accreditation

