



## ACCTA Liaison Report For CCTC March 29, 2016

### Description and Mission:

- The Association of Counseling Center Training Agencies (ACCTA) is an organization of 179 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 [organization]:
  - According to the 2015 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, Health Service Psychology updates, and increasing awareness of conscience clause legislation and implications for training in psychology.
  - ACCTA has been discussing recent events regarding the APA commissioned report on recent Ethical breaches, particularly in regard to how exploring such events can support training in Ethics and professional behavior.
  - Please visit our website for more information: <http://www.accta.net/>

### Recent Activities and Issues of Importance:

- The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual ACCTA Conference was held from October 3 – 7, 2015 at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky. This year's theme was *Counseling Center Training and Health Service Psychology: Preparing the Next Generation of Psychologists*. Our keynote speaker was Dr. Emil Rodolfa, past president of ASPPB and past president of ACCTA. Dr. Rodolfa's address was titled, *Internship Training in Counseling Centers: It Ain't What It Used To Be, But It Is What It Is!* His address focused on "pipeline" issues in psychology training and the critical role internship plays.
- Other topics and themes of the conference included:
  - Internship selection process including using AAPI Online Data Download, Phase II and Post Match.
  - Guidance for new training directors
  - Supervisor development
  - Training director development

- Several sessions relate to Multicultural Issues in Internship Training (e.g. multicultural competence, racial issues in the U.S., religious or spirituality issues, & developing diversity seminar), including addressed by two aspiring Training Directors selected as Diversity Scholars.
- Conscience clause laws and its implications on training program
- Providing primary care training to interns at student health centers

**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:**

- ACCTA will have our 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference from September 10-14, 2016, at the Hyatt Coconut Point Resort in Bonita Springs, Florida. The theme will be “Self-Care as an Ethical Practice,” with Dr. Melba Vasquez as our Keynote Speaker.

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