

Council of Directors of School Psychology Programs (CDSPP) Report to CCTC March 29, 2016

Description

The Council of Directors of School Psychology Programs (CDSPP) is an organization of North American doctoral programs in school psychology. Doctoral programs in school psychology in a regionally-accredited institution of higher learning are entitled to membership; APA accreditation is not required for CDSPP membership.

CDSPP Mission

CDSPP's mission is to foster the advancement of doctoral education in school psychology in all its aspects. This mission includes both providing a mechanism for dissemination of information, exchange of views, collection of data, facilitation of communication, and formulation of policies, concerning doctoral training in school psychology; and providing consultative resources, maintaining active liaison, and promoting the representation of school psychology programs in functions of APA and other organizations which are relevant to doctoral education in school psychology.

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Activities since October 2015

We held the Mid-Winter Meeting in January 2016 in Hollywood Beach, FL with the largest attendance in many years. The large attendance mainly was due to the changes to APA accreditation and the two workshops provided by the CoA. We will be providing APA accreditation training on the new Standards of Accreditation. To increase the number of school psychology site visitors, we provided a full-day site visitor training at this meeting. The remainder of the meeting focused on updates from workgroups and professional organizations, and ways our training programs can meet the SoA competencies.

In addition to the Mid-Winter meeting, CDSPP provided feedback and public comments on the new APA Standards of Accreditation, Operating Standards, and IRs.

CDSPP also has continued to support Division 16's creation of a new grant for internship development and expansion. CDSPP is contributing money each year toward this effort, while Division 16 has the primary role in the application and selection process.