

Annual Report to CCTC

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Status of the Organization

The National Register continues to experience robust growth in both new membership and the value-driven initiatives described below. Last year was our strongest membership year in the past 20, and we are on track for another very successful year in 2016. One of the primary reasons for this growth is the number of doctoral students who are matriculating through our credentials banking program and becoming fully credentialed upon licensure. We are very proud that more than 50% of these doctoral students report encouragement from professors/training directors as the reason they bank their credentials with the National Register. We are thankful to CCTC and the individual training councils for helping us spread the word, and we look forward to continuing and growing our productive relationships.

Internship Partnership Fund

The National Register, in collaboration with the American Psychological Foundation, launched the Internship Partnership Fund in August 2015. With this fundraising initiative, the National Register takes a leadership position in solving one of the major issues for the profession: the continuing gap between available accredited internship slots and eligible students applying for those positions. The APF / NR Internship Partnership Fund will directly increase the number of available training slots by providing direct funding to accredited training sites to create new intern positions.

This Internship Partnership Fund was created by a \$100,000 leadership gift from the National Register of Health Service Psychologists. In addition, we have secured nearly \$100,000 in cash and near-term pledges from the organization's Board of Directors and Executive Officer. This is a great start, but in order to have meaningful impact on the internship shortage, we are seeking to raise at least \$500,000 to capitalize annual gifts to as many accredited programs as possible. Your contributions are gratefully received. To donate, please visit NationalRegister.org or contact Andrew@nationalregister.org.

Integrated Healthcare Training Series

We have begun filming a 10 segment series on the role of psychological services in integrated health care delivery systems. We have amassed a nationally recognized group of presenters, including Drs. Parinda Khatri, Kent Corso, Neftali Serrano, Jeff Goodie, Patti Robinson, Robert McGrath, Marlin Hoover and others who are well known for their expertise in the planning and delivery of behavioral healthcare services in the integrated healthcare environment. The purpose of these training tapes will be to provide clinicians with immediately applicable clinical information that they can use in devising, implementing, and billing for psychological services in the integrated environment. Once complete, the series, along with associated backup material, will be available in a web-based format for viewing and continuing education credit. We will wrap up filming by early June, and plan on rolling out the series in the early fall of 2016.

Credentialing Scholarships Application Deadline April 15, 2016

Credentialing scholarships cover application fees so that interns, postdocs, and early career psychologists can bank their primary source credentials with the National Register. Once their credentials are primary source verified and approved, the psychologist, upon licensure, gains immediate access to benefits including expedited licensure mobility in the U.S. and Canada, credentials verification to healthcare organizations, hospitals, and employers, consumer referrals via FindaPsychologist.org, free continuing education, and more. Since 2005, the

National Register has awarded more than 2,000 scholarships to interns, postdocs, and ECPs representing more than 200 doctoral programs. The deadline to apply for the upcoming cycle is April 15.

Continuing Education Developments

We are in the final stages of developing a new continuing education website. In addition to the exams, automated scoring, and printable certificates, the new site will also have a ‘certificate banking’ feature which will allow electronic storage of certificates earned through National Register and other sources. The certificate library will be available for a quick report or full download. At the same time, we continue to expand our continuing education offerings. Not only are the five articles in this month’s *Register Report* CE eligible, but we have begun partnering with other organizations in order to make a broader range of educational offerings available to Registrants. We have partnered with the National Celiac Disease Foundation and in order to provide psychologists with continuing education credit for their excellent workshops on working with patients with celiac disease. More recently, we have reached an agreement with the Momentous Institute to offer CE to psychologists attending their annual conference. We will continue to explore expanded CE options in other areas of potential interest to Registrants.

Professional Practice Guide Published

The National Register recently published a professional issues guide for doctoral students and psychologists. Designed to impart practice information to psychologists throughout their careers, from graduate students to retiring professionals, the guide contains chapters on professional development for doctoral students and early career psychologists, opportunities for psychologists to enhance their practices, challenges and opportunities brought about by the Affordable Care Act, and legal and professional issues associated with closing a practice. To request a copy of the guide for yourself or your students, email Samantha@nationalregister.org.

Practicum Tracking Application Launched

The National Register has established a practicum tracking service enabling psychology doctoral students to bank practicum hours on their way to becoming licensed and credentialed by the National Register of Health Service Psychologists. There is no fee for this service. Doctoral students open a credentials banking account and enter essential practicum data - dates, location, supervisor information, populations served, and training focus - at the conclusion of each experience and submit a supervisor-signed Practicum Confirmation Form. The National Register maintains a record of the training experience and primary source verification in the student’s credentials banking file. Students interested in primary source verification of their practica should establish a training record at www.nationalregister.org.

E-Newsletter Published Monthly

In addition to the twice-annual printed *Register Report* magazine, the National Register distributes a monthly e-newsletter on or around the 15th of each month. The e-newsletter contains commentary from the Executive Officer and blog posts from the National Register and other organizations, such as The Commonwealth Fund, CMS, SAMHSA, and more. Each edition also features a selection of recent employment opportunities from our Job Board. To get on the e-mail distribution list, please email Terry@nationalregister.org.

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