

2006 Committee on Accreditation (CoA) Report

Composition of the 2005 Committee on Accreditation

The appendix to this report presents a brief profile of the 2006 Committee on Accreditation (CoA) membership. In terms of individual and discipline diversity, 43% of the CoA members were women and 10% were of ethnic minority background. Psychologists serving on the CoA represented 31 (57%) of the APA divisions, within which 56% were APA Fellows. Among the psychologists on the Committee, 39% were ABPP Diplomates. Thirteen states from various regions of the country were geographically represented on the Committee.

Accreditation Reviews and Consultation: Annual Summary

During calendar year 2006, the CoA, chaired by Celiane Rey-Casserly, PhD, met on: March 30-April 2; July 13-16; and October 19-22. During those meetings, the Committee reviewed a total of 190 programs. Of those programs, 167 (88%) either attained initial accredited status or maintained their prior accredited status. Two programs received a final adverse action, and others were deferred for further information. The Committee also completed numerous preliminary reviews. In addition, the Committee reviewed complaints filed against accredited programs as well as special reports submitted by programs other than those accounted for in the major reviews discussed above. The Committee held its annual policy meeting on January 13-15 and discussed such issues as: distance education, practicum training, CoA assessment and quality enhancement, and clarifying review guidelines. Throughout the year, the Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation staff and the Committee provided consultative guidance to programs and constituent groups.

Changes in Accreditation Policy

The Committee on Accreditation (CoA) reviewed the public comments submitted on a change in the *Guidelines and Principles* to the scope of accreditation and a related Implementing Regulation defining “developed practice areas” through the end of 2005. After review of the comments, the CoA voted to pass the proposal on to APA governance, and it was subsequently adopted by the APA Council of Representatives. Implementation of this change to the scope of accreditation is currently being reviewed by the CoA.

The CoA approved Implementing Regulation C-20 (Disclosure of Education/Training Outcomes and Information Allowing for Informed Decision-Making to Prospective Doctoral Students), which provided a 6-month notice for APA-accredited doctoral programs to come into compliance with new provisions for their public materials by January 1, 2007. The new policy includes provisions for doctoral programs to report the following in their public materials: time to completion, program costs, internship placement rates, and attrition. In October, the IR C-20 was modified to include a section requiring doctoral programs to provide data on licensure outcomes for their graduates in

their public materials. The licensure outcomes portion of this policy will be effective on January 1, 2008.

Public Comment

The CoA approved two items to post for public comment. The first item is a proposed Implementing Regulation defining “the equivalent thereof” regarding academic residency in Domain A.4 of the *Guidelines and Principles* for doctoral programs. The second item is a proposed change to the *Accreditation Operating Procedures* extending the timeframe for students, interns, and postdoctoral residents to file a complaint against an accredited program. These items became available for comment on the accreditation website on November 14, 2006.

Program Review Consultants

The CoA began conducting a pilot project from July 1, 2006 that will last through December 1, 2007 that employs non-CoA member readers in a supporting role in the CoA’s review of programs. The purpose of the pilot project is to evaluate the utility and effectiveness of utilizing Program Review Consultants (PRCs) in the review process. The PRCs received training in program review, including conflict of interest principles, prior to reviewing any program materials as part of the pilot project. These individuals review program materials and discuss those materials by providing their review panels with a detailed analysis of strengths and weaknesses of assigned programs. As always, each program is reviewed by at least two readers, one of whom is a CoA member. The PRCs do not make any recommendations regarding accreditation. Implementing Regulation E2-1(a) provides more information on procedures used during program review at CoA meetings. The CoA accepted nominations for PRCs in the spring of 2006 and selected 7 individuals from over 25 nominations.

Accreditation Assembly

The CoA determined that it would hold its first Accreditation Assembly at the beginning of 2007 in St. Pete Beach, Florida. Throughout 2006, the CoA conducted surveys, planned assembly programming, contacted speakers, and sent brochures and registration materials to over 2,000 potential participants, including relevant APA committees and divisions.

Special Event

The CoA hosted a social hour at the APA Annual Convention to celebrate the 10-year anniversary of the *Guidelines and Principles for Accreditation of Programs in Professional Psychology*.

Appendix A

2006 CoA Membership Profile

Representing Graduate Departments of Psychology

Council of Graduate Departments of Psychology (COGDOP) [http://psych.wfu.edu/cogdop]

- Martin Heesacker, Ph.D., University of Florida. APA Member (Div. 8)/Fellow (Divs. 17, 51). Ph.D., Counseling Psychology, 1983, University of Missouri, Columbia.
- Christopher B. Keys, Ph.D., DePaul University. APA Member (Divs. 9, 12, 34)/Fellow (Div. 27). Ph.D., Clinical – Community Psychology, 1973, University of Cincinnati.
- Robert D. Lyman, Ph.D., Appalachian State University. APA Member (Divs. 12, 40, 53, 54)/Fellow (Div. 37), ABPP (Clinical). Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, 1975, University of Alabama.
- Karen Maitland Schilling, Ph.D., Miami University. APA Member (Divs. 12, 35). Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, 1975, University of Florida.

Representing Professional Schools and Training Programs

Council of University Directors of Clinical Psychology (CUDCP) [www.am.org/cudcp]

- John F. Curry, Ph.D., Duke University Medical Center. APA Member (Divs. 12, 50, 54)/Fellow (Divs. 37, 49), ABPP (Clinical). Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, 1978, Catholic University of America.
- Milton E. Strauss, Ph.D., Case Western Reserve University. APA Member (Div. 20)/Fellow (Div. 12). Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, 1967, Harvard University.

Council of Counseling Psychology Training Programs (CCPTP) [www.psychology.iastate.edu/ccptp]

- Nancy S. Elman, Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh. APA Member (Divs. 17, 43). Ph.D., Counseling Psychology, 1971, University of Pittsburgh.
- James W. Lichtenberg, Ph.D., University of Kansas. APA Member (Div. 12)/Fellow (Divs. 17, 29). Ph.D., Counseling Psychology, 1974, University of Minnesota.

Council of Directors of School Psychology Programs (CDSPP)

[www.education.ucsb.edu/netshare/cdspp]

- Edward Gaughan, Ph.D., Alfred University. APA Fellow (Div. 16). Ph.D., School Psychology, 1985, Temple University.
- LeAdelle Phelps (Associate Chair), Ph.D., State University of New York at Buffalo. APA Member (Divs. 40, 54)/Fellow (Div. 16). Ph.D., School Psychology, 1977, University of Utah.

National Council of Schools and Programs of Professional Psychology (NCSP) [www.ncspp.info]

- Andrea L. Morrison, Ph.D., Argosy University. APA Member (Divs. 1, 29, 35, 39, 52). Ph.D., Personality Psychology, 1982, University of California, Berkeley.
- La Pearl Logan Winfrey, Ph.D., Wright State University. APA Member (Div. 45). Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, 1988, State University of New York (SUNY) at Stony Brook.

Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers (APPIC) [www.appic.org]

- Jeffrey M. Baker, Ph.D., University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. APA Member (Divs. 12, 22, 30, 38, 40, 43), ABPP (Clinical). Ph.D., Education Psychology, 1982, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.
- Nancy J. Garfield, Ph.D., Independent Practice (retired). APA Fellow (Div. 17). Ph.D., Counseling Psychology, 1975, University of Missouri Columbia.

Representing Professional Practice

APA Board of Professional Affairs and Committee for the Advancement of Professional Practice

Institutional Practice

- Edmund J. Nightingale, Ph.D., VA Medical Center (Minneapolis). APA Member (Divs. 29, 31, 52, 55, 56)/Fellow (Divs. 12, 18, 30), ABPP (Clinical Psychology). Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, 1975, Loyola University of Chicago.
- Celiane Rey-Casserly, Ph.D. (Chair), Children's Hospital (Boston). APA Member (Divs. 40, 54), ABPP (Clinical Neuropsychology). Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, 1982, Boston University.

Independent Practice

- Norma P. Simon, Ed.D., Private Practice (retired). APA Member (Div.35)/ Fellow (Divs. 17, 39, 42, 46, 52), ABPP (Counseling and Psychoanalysis). Ed.D., Counseling Psychology, 1968, Columbia University.
- Jeffrey N. Younggren, Ph.D., Private Practice. APA Member (Divs. 29, 41)/Fellow (Divs. 12, 42), ABPP (Clinical). Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, 1973, University of Arizona.

Representing the General Public

- Betty Horton, DNSc, Consultant. DNSc, 1998, Rush University.
- David J. Werner, Ph.D., Interim President, Mansfield University (Chancellor Emeritus, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville). Ph.D., Industrial Engineering and Management Science, 1969, Northwestern University.

Representing Graduate Students

American Psychological Association of Graduate Students (APAGS)

- H. Kent Wilson, M.Ed., Doctoral student in Clinical & School Psychology program at University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA.

Appendix B

Number of Accredited Programs by Decade

<u>Year</u>	<u>Doctoral</u>	<u>Internship</u>	<u>Postdoctoral</u>	<u>Total</u>
1948	36	---	---	36
1958	78	62	---	140
1968	97	102	---	199
1978	40	138	---	278
1988	246	347	---	593
1998	312	450	2	764
2006	372	471	46	889