

Conference or workshop summary

Conference or workshop name: Conference or workshop date:

ACCTA Annual Conference 2024 09/06/2024

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Sponsoring organization:

Association of Counseling Center Training Agencies (ACCTA)

Conference or workshop details

Goals and objective- The clarity and nature of the conference or workshop goals and objectives and how they will enhance the training of faculty and supervisors of graduate students, interns, and/or postdoctoral fellows in psychology:

The Association of Counseling Center Training Agencies (ACCTA) is dedicated to promoting excellence in doctoral psychology internship training within university and college counseling centers. Key objectives of the annual ACCTA Conference are: (a) facilitating the exchange of information and discussion of training issues among university counseling center training directors and coordinators, and (b) enhancing the professional development of persons responsible for directing/coordinating intern training programs. The 2024 ACCTA Conference, will focus on building the skills and knowledge base of our membership in providing multiculturally affirming training and effective culturally sensitive treatment provided by training directors and their trainees. The grant will help the organization fund a keynote speaker (to be determined closer to the conference date) who will address the organization on a subject related to the supervision and training of psychology doctoral interns.

Leadership- The qualifications of the person(s) identified to plan and lead the event, relative to the topic of focus. Included in the qualifications should be evidence of national or regional leadership (e.g., publication of relevant scholarly works, participation in past workshops, etc.):

The membership of ACCTA is 177 program members. Members elect a board of directors totaling 10 active ACCTA members who serve for two-year terms. Five new board members join each year while the other half of the board completes their term. Hence the board consistently has experienced members serving at any one time. ACCTA also has four officers who serve on the board for two- year terms, except for the President-elect and immediate Past-president, who serve a one- year term on either side of the Presidency, totaling a four-year duration. The current group of ACCTA officers includes Drs. Keith Magnus, Treasurer, Butler University, Laura Wright, Secretary, Florida Gulf Coast University, Cecilia Sun, Past-President, University of Houston, and Bethany Riddle, President, Stoneybrook University. The annual ACCTA Conference is planned and coordinated primarily by the ACCTA board members and officers, and the workshops and discussions presented at the conference are all led by ACCTA members.

Participants- The qualifications of conference or workshop participants relative to the topic of focus, including their potential for implementing outcomes of the conference or workshop toward enhancing graduate education):

The participants of the ACCTA conference will be training directors and coordinators of doctoral internship programs in university and college counseling centers. Of ACCTA's 177 member institutions, roughly 80% have APA-accredited internships in health service psychology. The remaining sites are APPIC members and have unaccredited doctoral psychology internships seeking accreditation or in the active process of developing such programs. In addition, many of the centers have active practicum and post-doctoral training programs. All training directors of ACCTA member agencies are eligible to attend the annual conference, and typically approximately 140 training directors (about 70% of membership) do so each year. Historically, the annual conference is a valuable source of information for training directors in the creation, implementation, evaluation and modification of doctoral internship training programs. It helps training directors remain current regarding national trends and changes in the field of psychology training. The conference also typically provides 10-15 hours of continuing education credits for training directors to maintain their licenses as psychologists. The ACCTA conference is the primary national conference for counseling center internship training directors, and as a result the participants represent a significant constituency of doctoral psychology internship trainers across the country.

Impact- The estimated or potential impact of the conference or workshop in terms of the diffusion of new ideas resulting from its outcomes in the education community appropriate to the proposal's focus:

The ACCTA annual conference offers a unique opportunity for those attending to enhance their understanding and application of current and salient training issues. Because the participants are all actively involved as educators and trainers, the impact of the conference content is effectively extended to trainees and additional training staff. Consequently, through implementation of conference information, ACCTA Conference attendees have significant potential for influencing future psychology students and their development of professional skills and identity. As a primary national training organization, ACCTA is an

important source for both communicating and affecting education and training standards for internships, and is therefore at the forefront of implementing competency expectations for doctoral internship training programs.

Budget- The clarity and completeness of the conference or workshop budget, how realistic it is, how the grant funds are to be used to offset expenses incurred (e.g., travel, registration, speaker fees), as well as provide strong justification for the requested amount and whether the conference or workshop can be offered without BEA funding:

Budget for the 2024 ACCTA conference in Philadelphia, PA is: Speaker Honorarium \$2,000.00 (BEA Block Grant Money) Travel \$ 500.00 (ACCTA Matching Funds) Hotel \$ 500.00 (ACCTA Matching Funds) Registration \$ 650.00 (ACCTA Matching Funds) Additional Travel and Hotel \$1000.00 (estimated) (ACCTA Matching Funds)for speaker & attendant Overall Conference Budget: (Estimated costs) Food & Beverage \$60,000 Room rental and A/V costs \$15,000 Fees for conference planner \$20,000 Total \$95,000