

**The APA Board of Educational Affairs (BEA)  
Award in Support of Conferences and Workshops  
on Graduate and Postgraduate Education and Training in Psychology Application**

**1. Title and Date(s) of the Conference or Workshop:** The National Council of Schools and Programs of Professional Psychology (NCSPP) 2015 Midwinter Conference will be focused on “Positioning Professional Psychology in Today's Healthcare: Ensuring Our Graduates' Relevance.” The conference will be held January 21-24, 2015 at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina in San Diego, California.

**2. Name(s) of group organizing the Conference or Workshop:** National Council of Schools and Programs of Professional Psychology (NCSPP)

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**Conference Goals and Objectives:**

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) and other changes to the healthcare system have produced a dynamic and somewhat uncertain healthcare landscape. The conference goal is to provide information on how best to prepare doctoral-level psychology graduate students to be an integral part of today's healthcare and will address ways to advance education and training to ensure our graduates have the necessary competencies for full participation in healthcare. Specifically, the conference objectives are to:

- Understand the impact of the ACA on the present and future of psychologists.
- Understand what it means for our programs to educate and train “Health Service Psychologists”.
- Articulate our roles and responsibilities in addressing health disparities and the needs of the newly insured.
- Evaluate strengths of and areas of opportunity for graduate program health curricula.
- Identify internship experiences that can more effectively prepare students.
- Understand where the jobs are and will be for psychology graduates.
- Consider what additional competencies and methods of assessment are needed for a variety of healthcare environments.

The keynote speaker for the conference is Ronald Rozensky, Ph.D., ABPP, University of Florida, who will present on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and its implications for education and training in professional psychology.

**Leadership:**

The conference is being planned and led by Dr. Stephanie C. Wood who is the President of NCSPP and Systemwide Director of Psychological Services Centers at the California School of Professional Psychology/California School of Forensic Studies at Alliant International University. Dr. Wood has been a faculty member and administrator within Higher Education for 11 years. She also has a background in Behavioral Medicine and Health Psychology and obtained a Master in Health Administration in 2006. As a member of the NCSPP Executive Committee, Dr. Wood serves as the

liaison to CCTC, BEA, and CUDCP and is currently serving on two CCTC work groups on the internship imbalance and internship creation.

The NCSPP Mid-Winter Conference Planning Committee includes Robert Perl, PsyD, Dean, Clinical Psychology Program, American School of Professional Psychology, Argosy University, San Francisco Bay Area (Conference Planning Committee Chair); Megan O'Banion, PsyD, Director of Clinical Training: American School of Professional Psychology, Argosy University, San Francisco Bay Area; and Adam L. Aréchiga, PsyD, DrPH, PsyD Program Director of Clinical Training and Clinic Coordinator, Loma Linda University School of Behavioral Health, Department of Psychology.

### **Participants:**

The conference attendees will include administrators and faculty from NCSPP member programs, 8 students selected from NCSPP member programs, a student representative from the APAGS Board, and liaisons from other training councils. We will be accepting proposals for poster presentations from members of NCSPP programs, including faculty and administrators. All participants will be key stakeholders in driving the conference theme forward and in realizing the goals of the conference in their home programs.

### **Impact:**

The intent of this conference is to allow key program personnel and experts to share recommendations and best practices in the education and training of psychology graduate students for their changing roles and responsibilities in healthcare. We anticipate that attendees will be given the opportunity to reflect upon and share positive aspects of their program with others. Attendees will also gain insights, advice, and new ideas to help them make or advocate for improvements in their programs. It is estimated that the conference will have 160-180 attendees representing about 60 different doctoral programs in clinical psychology across the country. Each attendee will receive a flash drive containing electronic versions of presentations, suggested readings, and other information from NCSPP member programs, as well as our keynote speaker that they can take back to their programs and share with their faculty and staff.

### **Budget:**

The conference is funded by the registration fees paid by attendees as well as by conference sponsors. The budget for the conference is as follows:

*Anticipated total revenue for the conference: \$64,000 (registration fee x participants)*

| <b>Conference Expenses</b>                 |                  |
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| Hotel space, food, and beverage            | \$ 58,000        |
| Keynote speaker (fee, travel, and lodging) | \$ 2,500         |
| Attendee packets (includes flash drives)   | \$ 2,000         |
| Poster session supplies                    | \$ 500           |
| Staff expense                              | \$ 800           |
| CE expense                                 | \$ 400           |
| Shipping                                   | \$ 400           |
| <i>Anticipated conference expenses</i>     | <i>\$ 64,600</i> |

A block grant award of \$2,000 would be used to offset the expenses incurred by hosting our conference keynote and other speakers, and allow us to allocate funds generated by registration fees to provide small honoraria to these presenters. Funds may also be used to help offset the cost of flash drives/document production.