

Memorandum of Understanding
between
American Association for Psychoanalytic Education
and
Accreditation Council for Psychoanalytic Education, Inc

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets forth an understanding and terms for collaboration between the American Association for Psychoanalytic Education (AAPE) and the Accreditation Council for Psychoanalytic Education, Inc. (ACPEinc) on activities involving accreditation of AAPE-member institutes and training programs.

A. Background

The American Association for Psychoanalytic Education (AAPE) is an independent, non-profit membership organization of psychoanalytic institutes and training programs the goals of which are promotion of excellence in psychoanalytic education through establishing and promoting standards for psychoanalytic training. AAPE members are institutes and training programs that meet AAPE standards. AAPE's focus is on training and program development in member institutes and training programs.

The Accreditation Council for Psychoanalytic Education, Inc (ACPEinc) is an autonomous national accreditation agency established in 2001 to foster excellence in psychoanalytic education. Its Standards of Psychoanalytic Education can be widely implemented in the diverse community of psychoanalytic education. It aims to protect the public by identifying psychoanalytic training programs that meet these Standards. Its accreditation goals ensure that an institution meets these core standards in the education and training of psychoanalysts.

B. Purpose and Scope

This MOU describes the collaborative agreement between AAPE and ACPEinc to facilitate and implement accreditation by ACPEinc of AAPE institutes and training programs as follows:

1. AAPE standards are the standards of the Board on Professional Standards of the American Psychoanalytic Association (APsaA) in effect on 31 January 2016. These may be modified in the future by the AAPE Board of Directors. The AAPE undertakes to inform the ACPEinc of such changes within 60 days of their adoption.
2. An institute or training program that is determined by an evaluation process that includes a site visit to meet AAPE standards will be eligible to join AAPE as a member institute or training program. Institutes and programs that were affiliated with the American Psychoanalytic Association on 30 June 2017 will be eligible for expedited processing of their application for membership in the AAPE.
3. If an institute or program states in its application for ACPEinc accreditation that it is, or is simultaneously applying to become, a member of the AAPE, the ACPEinc evaluation process will assess adherence to both ACPEinc and AAPE standards.
4. ACPEinc site visit teams for AAPE institutes and training programs may — and ordinarily will be expected to — include one to two members appointed by AAPE as its representatives. These representatives will be required to undergo training and credentialing as ACPEinc site visitors; and they will participate in all aspects of the ACPEinc site visit, to include the consensus conference and the writing of the report of the site visit. The AAPE will pay the travel and related expenses of its representative(s).

It should be noted that the aim of the training and credentialing of an AAPE representative is to allow the individual to participate fully and knowledgeably in the site visit. Similarly, the AAPE may require the ACPEinc site visitors to participate in an orientation to its specific views of psychoanalytic education and its goals for a site visit.

5. Report: It is expected that the members of the joint site visit team will work to achieve consensus sufficient to write a single report. The ACPEinc leader of the SVT will file this report in accordance with ACPEinc policy for eventual action by the ACPEinc Board of Trustees. The AAPE representative(s) will file this report in accordance with AAPE policy for eventual action by the AAPE Board of Directors. The AAPE representative(s) may submit a supplemental report to the AAPE Board of Directors.

C. Duration

This MOU is at-will and may be modified by mutual consent of authorized officials of AAPE and ACPEinc. This MOU shall become effective upon signature by the authorized officials from the AAPE and ACPEinc and will remain in effect until modified or terminated by either partner or by mutual consent.



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