



Accreditation Council for  
Psychoanalytic Education

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## **The Value of Accreditation by the ACPEinc**

The accreditation of professional and academic programs signifies excellence and integrity, grounded in the oversight by an autonomous accrediting body. Oversight by and compliance with an external accrediting body is the standard for all medical schools, graduate programs and universities; it promotes, develops and maintains excellence in a field; it communicates to the public legitimacy, quality and prestige. Accreditation by an independent external agency increases credibility of programs in the eyes of the public and government. It also supports development of common educational standards and guidelines and encourages conversation among diverse schools.

The ACPEinc is an independent accrediting agency that exists for the sole purpose of accrediting psychoanalytic training programs. Its seal is a communication to the public, to prospective trainees as well as to individuals seeking intensive psychological services a recognizable mark of integrity. ACPEinc accreditation is of particular value to psychoanalytic training programs for many reasons.

- ACPEinc's Standards of Psychoanalytic Education provide the core standards of any psychoanalytic training program. These are considered to be the essential components that can and must be implemented irrespective of the theoretical or educational approach espoused by the program.
- ACPEinc's Self Study process provides training programs a means of systematically and comprehensively assessing their own existing policies and activities in order to immediately remedy oversights or deficiencies.
- ACPEinc's Standards for Education and Training and the Self Study give member programs a mechanism to compare their functioning with other high quality psychoanalytic programs.
- ACPEinc's Self Study and Site Visit cycle provides an ongoing structure for self review and revision to instill consistency and continuity.
- ACPEinc's accreditation provides both faculty and graduates of member programs a recognizable seal of excellence and integrity which may have advantages in the mental health care marketplace.
- ACPEinc's accreditation assures prospective candidates (students) that the program provides appropriate training in the core elements of psychoanalytic theory and practice.
- ACPEinc's accreditation will have value to programs and candidates interested in applying for grants. This will become increasingly important after recognition by the US Secretary of Education.
- Joining the community of ACPEinc accredited psychoanalytic programs strengthens the unified psychoanalytic voice which can advocate for and influence decisions impacting the future of psychoanalysis as a professional discipline
- ACPEinc accredited training programs are members of ACPEinc They vote for the ACPEinc Board of Trustees and have a strong advisory voice in determining its policies and standards.