



September 7, 2016

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President
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Dear Dr. Gray,

The American Psychoanalytic Association (APsaA) supports the Accreditation Council for Psychoanalytic Education (ACPE) in its application for recognition by the U.S. Department of Education. Psychoanalysis is a specialized field of mental health treatment that requires extensive post graduate training.

The American Psychoanalytic Association is a 3,300 members Association of psychoanalysts with 40 affiliated societies and 33 affiliated psychoanalytic training institutes throughout the country. We are the oldest national psychoanalytic organization in the United States and celebrated our centennial in 2011. In 2001, we joined with three other national psychoanalytic organizations to form the Psychoanalytic Consortium because we shared an understanding that the major psychoanalytic organizations in the United States needed to work together to establish standards for psychoanalytic education.

The ACPE arose, as an independent accrediting body, out of the realization of these national leaders in psychoanalysis that an independent national standard for psychoanalytic training was necessary to protect the public interest and ensure the highest quality of education for psychoanalytic practitioners.

APsaA supports ACPE's application for recognition by the Department of Education as an accrediting body in psychoanalysis because we believe that such recognition will ensure basic quality in psychoanalytic training and will ultimately protect our patients.

Thank you for your attention. Should further information be needed for your consideration of ACPE's application, please feel free to contact APsaA's Executive Director, Dean Stein at 212-752-0450, Ext. 30.

Sincerely,

Harriet Wolfe, M.D.
President