

Accreditation Matters: What limitations will be on your professional career? *For those non-CACREP degrees*

Having a single accrediting body for a profession, like CACREP who is recognized by the federal government, ensures consistency and uniform standards nationwide. It streamlines evaluation processes, promotes trust in the accreditation system, and facilitates better comparability among institutions. This centralized approach helps maintain high-quality standards and fosters a cohesive professional landscape. It also enhances transparency, making it easier for employers, students, and the public to understand and trust the quality of education within that profession. Having a recognized accrediting body reduces redundancy and fragmentation in the accreditation process. This centralization enables more effective oversight and regulation by federal authorities, promoting accountability and maintaining a level playing field for all institutions.

FAQ

- Does the state of Georgia license master level psychologist?
 - The States of Georgia does not license master's level psychologist.
- Where can I learn more about the accrediting body for my program of study?
 - Information on MPCAC can be found at <https://mpcacaccreditation.org>
- Our program is housed in a Psychology Department but prepares students for licensure as professional counselors. Is our program eligible to apply for CACREP accreditation?
 - **CACREP** accredits counseling programs in alignment with the definition of counseling that is infused throughout the CACREP Standards. In order for your program to be eligible for CACREP accreditation, the program must hold a distinct counseling identity within the overall department in terms of having an appropriate title and degree, a core faculty for the program that evidence a clear counseling professional identity, a curriculum aligned with the counseling identity in the CACREP Standards, designated resources to support the development of future counselors, and program autonomy for curricular, admissions, and program development activities.

Questions To Ask

Will I be able to apply to the PC Compact?

Will I be able to gain licensure across state lines with this degree?

Will the federal government recognize my program of study?

Are MPCAC programs recognized by the American Psychological Association?

Will there be hiring and credentialing restrictions with the VA, military, Tricare Insurance, Department of Defense, Department of Justice, etc.?

What can you do?

- Research and know the laws.
- Consult with the professional counseling association and licensing board in your state.
- **Tell your university to apply for CACREP, even if you have already graduated.**

***The money and time you spend on your professional education matters! ***