

## Council for Accreditation of Counseling & Related Educational Programs

- Established in 1981 to set standards for counselor training
- The Association for Counselor Education and Supervision and the American Personnel and Guidance Association agreed to cooperate on accreditation efforts which resulted in the formation of CACREP
- Mission is to promote competence of counseling and related practitioners through standards, program development, and accreditation
- CACREP accredits master's and doctoral degree programs in counseling and its specialties
- CACREP has accredited nearly 300 institutions and over 600 programs
- The first step in the accreditation process is a self-study of each program desiring accreditation
- Once the self-study has been approved, a site visit will be conducted
- The site visit consists of a three day visit from 2-4 team members that will tour facilities and talk with administrators, supervisors, students, and faculty
- An exit presentation will summarize the visit findings and a Team Report will be sent to the institution
- The institution will then have thirty days to respond to any issues in the Team Report, which will be considered in the final accreditation decision
- The final accreditation decision can have one of three results:
  - **Accredited-** Status is granted for an eight-year period
  - **Accredited for a Two-Year Period with Conditions-** An interim Report must be submitted after two years to demonstrate that any lacking conditions have thus far been met; accreditation would then be extended to eight years
  - **Denial of Accreditation-** Sufficient standards were not met and accreditation has been denied