

Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs

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Dr. Guy Bailey Office of the President The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley 1201 West University Drive Edinburg, Texas 78539

Dear Dr. Bailey:

The Board of Directors of the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) met July 12-14, 2018, for the purpose of making accreditation decisions. Two counseling specialty areas housed in the College of Education and P-16 Integration at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley were reviewed under the 2016 CACREP Standards. The Board made the following decisions:

Clinical Mental Health Counseling (M.Ed. degree) Brownsville and Edinburg, Texas campuses

Accredited: Eight-Year Period through October 31, 2026

School Counseling (M.Ed. degree)

Brownsville and Edinburg, Texas campuses

Accredited: Eight-Year Period through October 31, 2026

The Board based the above accreditation decisions on an extensive review of the self-study documents, the visiting team's report, and the institution's response to the visiting team's report.

Specialty areas receiving accreditation for an eight-year period deserve to be commended for the work completed throughout the accreditation process. This is indeed a worthy achievement. Congratulations! Please note that a certificate of accreditation will be enclosed with Dr. Rodríguez's copy of this letter.

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On behalf of the CACREP Board, I would like to extend my thanks to you and your administration for the support provided to the counseling program. Such support is considered vital to assuring continued quality in higher education programs. Once again, congratulations are extended to all of those involved in making this a successful accreditation review process.

Sincerely,

M. Sylvia Fernandez, Ph.D.

President and CEO

Enclosure

cc:

Dr. Alma D. Rodríguez, Interim Dean, College of Education and P-16 Integration

Dr. Cynthia Wimberly, Chair, Department of Counseling

Dr. James Whittenberg, CACREP Liaison



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CERTIFICATE OF ACCREDITATION

to the programs designated below at

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

for successful fulfillment of the standards of the Council

For the entry-level programs in:

Clinical Mental Health Counseling (October 31, 2026)

School Counseling (October 31, 2026)

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