Dear Dr. Michele Wallace,

On behalf of the Accreditation Board of the Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI), I am pleased to inform you that the Board has renewed full accreditation of the M.S. program in Counseling, Option in Applied Behavior Analysis at California State University, Los Angeles. The M.S. program’s accreditation now extends through December 31, 2022.

During this period, your program is required to share its accreditation status and display the ABAI Accreditation Board masters-level accreditation seal in compliance with the Board’s policy on public disclosure of accreditation status. To maintain accreditation, your program must remain in compliance with the Board’s policies and procedures, including the submission of an annual report and annual accreditation fees, during the first quarter each year the program is accredited. If your program chooses to re-apply for accreditation before the current term expires, a new self-study will need to be submitted to the Board before April 1, 2022. More information about the policies and procedures relevant to maintaining accreditation can be found on the Board’s website: https://accreditation.abainternational.org

Accreditation is specifically designed to convey information about a training program’s comprehensiveness, rigor, and quality. Its purpose is to promote quality control within the discipline’s training programs. The Board would like to extend its appreciation to your program for helping to preserve the integrity of the field’s training programs.

The site visitors raised question as to whether standards 5 and 6 were met as they relate to faculty resources. After reviewing the self-study, site visit report, and your program’s response, and considering the program’s strong record of successful student outcomes, the Board believes that the program is managed well and can continue to be successful. However, because changes in faculty resources are expected, the Board decided to renew accreditation for three years rather than the customary five years. That will give both the program and the Board an opportunity for a comprehensive assessment of the program’s performance in the face of personnel challenges. The Board appreciates the collegial nature of the response to the site visit report and the clearly developed plans to implement changes and recommendations, some of which are already in effect.

If you have any questions about accreditation, please do not hesitate to contact me. Additionally, if your program assigns a new Program Administrator during the current term, please notify the Board immediately so we may update our records.
Sincerely,

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