



April 27, 2022

McNeese State University
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Dear Dr. Cameron Melville,

On behalf of the Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI) Accreditation Board, I am pleased to inform you that the Board has granted **accreditation through December 31, 2024**, to the on-campus MA in Psychology - Concentration in Applied Behavior Analysis program at McNeese State University.

The accreditation process is specifically designed to convey information about a training program's comprehensiveness, rigor, quality, and transparency. Its purpose is to promote quality control and continuous improvement. The Board extends its sincere appreciation to you and your colleagues for your success in helping to preserve the integrity of training in behavior analysis.

In 2019 the Board deferred its re-accreditation decision pending evidence the program made specific improvements, within two years, in the areas of written agreements for practica or assistantships, administrative inclusion of faculty input, the high workload across a low number of program faculty and the subsequent strain it placed on research experiences. As demonstrated in the re-accreditation application and site visit, the program has met and improved upon these areas of concern.

The site visitors highlighted many commendable aspects about the program, indicating the support it receives from administration and the university. The site visitors raised concern about the program still needing to fill the additional two faculty lines, though the site visitors and program expressed optimism they will be filled in the immediate future.

The Board appreciates the collegial nature of your response to the site visit report and the improvements made over the past few years. The university and community were severely affected by recent natural disasters. We acknowledge the endurance of the program and the commitment and support from the university, department, and community. We look forward to the university's investments to maintain the program, including the reconstruction of the program's building, clinical site for the MAP, nonhuman animal laboratory, and hiring of faculty.



During this grant of accreditation, the program is required to pay an annual sustaining fee as described in Title VII Section 7-1-104 of the *Accreditation Handbook*, and to remain in compliance with the Board's policies and procedures. I would like to call special attention to three important policies related to public disclosure. Your program is required to:

1. share the program's accreditation status and display the Board's masters-level accreditation seal on the program's web site. (See the Board's *Policy on Public Disclosure of Accreditation Status*.) I will email you a copy of the current version of the seal.
2. display on your website a prominent link to the aggregate report of the program's student outcomes that is posted on the Board's website. The link to your program's aggregate report is:
<https://accreditation.abainternational.org/apply/accredited-programs/mcneese-state-university.aspx> (See Title IX, Chapter 3 of the *Accreditation Handbook*.)
3. submit an annual report as described in Title VII of the *Accreditation Handbook*, using the form posted at <https://forms.gle/hjStiMjAu2FduRp79>.

The aforementioned policies can be found via the "Documents" tab at <https://accreditation.abainternational.org/documents>.) As program administrator, you should familiarize yourself with the materials in this section of the Board's web site.

I will send you an invoice for the sustaining fee to be paid during the first quarter of each year, and I will send you a reminder about the annual report which normally is due on April 1 of each year.

If your program assigns a new Program Administrator during the current grant of accreditation, please notify me immediately so I can update our records.

If you choose to apply for reaccreditation, you must submit a new self-study before April 1, 2024, using ABAI's new online application system. The Self-Study Report form and materials are available via the "Documents" tab at <https://accreditation.abainternational.org/documents>.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Sincerely,

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