



September 28, 2022

Salem State University
352 Lafayette Street
Salem, MA 01970

Dear Dr. Darlene Crone-Todd,

On behalf of the Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI) Accreditation Board, I am pleased to inform you that the Board has granted **full accreditation through December 31, 2026**, to the M.S. in Behavior Analysis hybrid program in the Department of Psychology at Salem 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.

The site visitors raised question about the program's faculty resources (Standard 6) given the current teaching load, which includes undergraduate courses, and the substantial efforts needed to coordinate and supervised the practical training components. The Board agrees with items articulated in the response letter, specifically that the program will greatly benefit from securing the current temporary line as a full-time tenure-track line and by hiring a full-time field coordinator to support the administrative work current shared amongst faculty.

The Board appreciates the collegial nature of your response to the site visit report and the outlined steps to incorporate some of the other recommendations provided by the site visitors. Overall, the program demonstrated a solid curriculum that incorporates scholarly competencies, ample resources, and good outcomes.

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 website. (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 (when available in 2023). The link to your program-specific page, which will eventually include a published aggregate report is:
<https://accreditation.abainternational.org/apply/accredited-programs/salem-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 ABAI's electronic form (a link will be sent to you prior to the submission deadline). The questions and requirements are available at
https://accreditation.abainternational.org/media/116272/abai_accreditation_board_accredited_program_annual_report_form_2021.pdf.

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

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, 2026, using ABAI's online application system and corresponding materials available via the "Documents" tab at <https://accreditation.abainternational.org>.

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

Sincerely,

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