

Association of Academic Psychiatrists (AAP) Awarded Accreditation with Commendation by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME)

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AAP is Awarded with Accreditation with Commendation by the ACCME

Baltimore, MD — The Association of Academic Psychiatrists (AAP), a leading academic psychiatric medical society, today announced that it has been awarded Accreditation with Commendation from the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) following the reaccreditation process. Reaccreditation is a requirement for AAP to maintain its status as an ACCME-accredited provider of continuing medical education (CME) to physicians.

The Accreditation with Commendation designation is the highest possible level of accreditation offered by the ACCME and results in an extended six-year term of accreditation, rather than the more common four-year terms that many CME providers receive.

This top level of accreditation is only awarded to a CME provider that complies with all 22 accreditation criteria, including seven top-level criteria covering engagement with the medical environment. ACCME's decision was based off of a comprehensive self-study report of AAP's CME program, evidence of performance-in-practice, and the accreditation interview.

“We're extremely proud of the AAP staff and our physician volunteers,” said Candace Street, Annual Meeting Manager of AAP. “This high-achievement is a direct reflection of their hard work and commitment to providing the highest standard of education and training for educators, clinicians and researchers in academic psychiatry.”

The ACCME accreditation system is regarded as a national model by federal and state government agencies and the medical profession. The ACCME employs a rigorous, multilevel process for evaluating institutions' CME programs according to the high accreditation standards adopted by all seven ACCME member organizations. These organizations are: American Board of Medical Specialties, the American Hospital Association, the American Medical Association, the Association for Hospital Medical Education, the Association of American Medical Colleges, the Council of Medical Specialty Societies, and the Federation of State Medical Boards of the US., Inc.

In a letter to AAP from ACCME's President and Chief Executive Officer, Graham McMahan, MD, that accompanied the reaccreditation decision, ACCME recognized that AAP "demonstrates that it is a learning organization and a change agent for the physicians and patients served."

AAP offers more than 60 CME activities every year including, online learning modules, live events (Annual and Regional Meetings), and journal CME. To learn more about AAP's educational activities, please visit www.physiatry.org.

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The Association of Academic Psychiatrists (AAP) is the only academic association dedicated to the specialty of psychiatry in the world. AAP is an organization of leading physicians, researchers, in-training psychiatrists, and others involved or interested in mentorship, leadership, and discovery in psychiatry. AAP holds an Annual Meeting, produces a leading medical journal in rehabilitation, *AJPM&R*, and leads a variety of programs and activities that support and enhance academic psychiatry. To learn more about the Association and the field of psychiatry, visit physiatry.org and follow AAP on Twitter using @AAPsychiatrists.

Physiatry '18, the 2018 AAP Annual Meeting will take place in Atlanta, Georgia February 13-17, 2018. The AAP Annual Meeting brings psychiatrists and academicians, in-training psychiatrists, researchers, and other professionals in academic psychiatry together to share the latest information, innovative techniques, best practices, and new technologies. The overarching theme of AAP 2018 is innovations in pain and the meeting will be highlighting ground-breaking technologies. The meeting is packed with educational activities including educational sessions and panels, cutting-edge keynote speakers, hands-on workshops, and scientific papers presentations along with numerous poster board presentations illustrating the finest scientific research.