

Setting the benchmark for counseling services on college and university campuses



IACS is committed to advancing quality in student mental health care in higher education settings worldwide.

Accreditation from IACS:

- confirms the highest standards are being met
- validates professional excellence, and
- distinguishes standout counseling centers.



Inspiring excellence in student mental health care

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10 ways accreditation makes a difference

- 1. Provides benefits of external peer review** with a professional evaluation from current and past center directors experienced in achieving and maintaining accreditation standards.
- 2. Enhances the status of the center in the university community** with a stamp of approval that is recognized in higher education and viewed positively by administration.
- 3. Validates compliance with national standards and best practices** confirming to campus administration that the center is meeting the recognized standards in the field.
- 4. Strengthens risk management, quality assurance and accountability,** safeguarding the integrity of the center.
- 5. Helps in refining operations and policies** and promotes valuable self-appraisal.
- 6. Enhances staff recruitment** by providing an advantage in attracting more qualified candidates.
- 7. Leverages the center's budget needs** in securing funding for professional development, additional staff and facility changes.
- 8. Strengthens credibility and prestige** of the center and the school with students and parents.
- 9. Expands networking resources** with access to IACS staff and Advisory Council, as well as other accredited centers.
- 10. Ensures the mental health services provided to students meet the gold standard.**



Join a prestigious, worldwide group of accredited centers

Earning and maintaining accreditation distinguishes your center with a commitment to excellence. We encourage and work with all centers seeking to cultivate exceptional quality through accreditation. IACS accredits university, 4-year college and 2-year community college counseling services.

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"IACS accreditation increased the stature of the counseling center in the university since departmental accreditation supports the university's accreditation. Practically speaking, it helped me to advocate for additional staff, more competitive salaries, and additional space."

—John DiMino, Ph.D., Tuttleman Counseling Services, Temple University