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Dear Dr. O'Connor:

It is my great pleasure to inform you that the **Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology Program in the Department of Psychology at the University of Arizona is now re-accredited by the Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System** and is listed as such on the [PCSAS website](#). Re-accreditation was made final when the PCSAS Board of Directors ratified the Review Committee's earlier approval. The [PCSAS Board, Review Committee, and I](#) are delighted that you will continue to be among our programs. We are particularly delighted given Arizona's historical importance in the founding of both PCSAS and the clinical science movement. It is fair to say that PCSAS would not be in existence today were it not for the pioneering efforts of the University of Arizona's Lee Sechrest, Richard Bootzin, and Varda Shoham. The national leadership demonstrated by Arizona continued with David Sbarra's term as President of the Academy of Psychological Clinical Science. We know the University of Arizona will sustain this tradition by upholding the standards of PCSAS and promoting the PCSAS mission of advancing public health through science-centered education. We ask that you add your PCSAS re-accreditation distinction prominently to your own website and program materials.

We congratulate the University of Arizona for being among the initial group of PCSAS programs to renew PCSAS accreditation. It was ten years ago that Arizona first joined PCSAS's list of now [43 accredited programs](#). Your renewal is valid for a period of up to ten years, predicated on maintaining and enhancing the high quality of training documented in your renewal application. To retain accreditation for the full ten years, you must submit an annual report, respond satisfactorily to all PCSAS queries regarding program developments, and pay annual fees. Accreditation will expire May 31, 2030. Another renewal application must be submitted by February 1, 2030 for review that May.

The full letter can be made available upon request.  
Contact Office of Academic Affairs.

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**In summary, this is a high-quality program reflecting first-rate clinical science faculty in a first-rate department, excellent students, significant resources, and a clinical science training model that is well implemented. The curriculum is well designed, applied training is excellent, and the quality of the science produced by the faculty and students is outstanding. The PCSAS Review Committee judged the University of Arizona Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology to be a one that meets and exceeds PCSAS's high standards for accreditation. The program, department, and university have well-earned this special designation. PCSAS is proud to retain University of Arizona among its distinguished roster of accredited clinical science programs.**

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about your review, the committee's decision, your accreditation status, or anything related to PCSAS. All of us associated with PCSAS hope that your achievement of PCSAS re-accreditation sustains our ongoing collaboration aimed at advancing clinical science and public health.

Sincerely,



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