

Statement for SPA Members

Dear SPA Member,

For the past five years, personality assessment has been recognized as a proficiency by the APA Commission for the Recognition of Specialties and Proficiencies in Professional Psychology (CRSPPP). The recent CRSPPP review of our program has made it apparent that the goals and objectives of SPA proficiency program vary, at points substantially, from the goals and objectives of CRSPPP recognition criteria for proficiencies. The SPA Board of Trustees recognizes that efforts to modify our program to meet CRSPPP requirements, or to seek modification of CRSPPP requirements to fit our program, may not be compatible with the goals of either organization.

As of July 1, 2018, SPA will no longer accept applications for the proficiency program in personality assessment as it has been structured in the past. Further, as of August 1, 2018, personality assessment will no longer be recognized as a proficiency by APA. The SPA Board continues to feel that personality assessment encompasses a distinct set of specific skills for ethical and competent service delivery. We believe that providing training in this area is an important service to our profession and to the public. As such, SPA is beginning the task of developing an advanced training program in integrative personality assessment. We are carefully examining our credential program to enhance the emphasis on our training objectives, and particularly to assist and encourage early career psychologists in obtaining advanced training in personality assessment. We hope you share our enthusiasm and will participate in these efforts. This includes providing suggestions and recommendations concerning how best to focus the program in the future. Please feel free to share any questions or recommendations with the SPA Board of Trustees as we begin the process of refining our program for the future.

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