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Dear ACPEinc,

I am the President of the Psychoanalytic Center of California (PCC). We are a Component Society of the International Psychoanalytical Association. We offer a core program of certification in Psychoanalysis for Adults as well as Children, that is, programs that train clinicians who see patients 4 or 5 days per week. We also offer Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy Programs with both Adult and Child tracks, where clinicians see patients 1 or 2 times per week. We offer Infant Observation in the Tavistock method as part of our core training, and as an on-going seminar for those that want to continue that learning experience. We will offer a PhD in Psychoanalysis, that is, a research degree, in the future.

I want to let it be known that in taking on teaching and supervisory staff we prefer psychoanalysts who have graduated from an ACPEinc accredited psychoanalytic program. This ensures us the highest quality of instruction and supervision.

The PCC has gone through their accreditation process ourselves, and our Institute found that process to be helpful to us to continue to provide the highest quality instruction and evaluation of our programs, our candidates and students. The ACPEinc Accreditation process is rigorous, impartial, and informative. We found it beneficial for our Institutes' reflection on our programs and how we evaluate them. We found their consideration of the students' needs to be useful. We found their outside, and impartial evaluation to be generative to our internal evaluation and planning. We now know that if another Institute has been accredited, we can rely on those instructors and supervisors due to the rigor of the ACPEinc's process.

We vigorously support the effort of the ACPEinc.

Sincerely,

Leigh Tobias, PhD, FIPA
President, Psychoanalytic Center of California