

**CALL FOR PROGRAM PROPOSALS!**  
**49th Annual ACCTA Conference**

*Saturday, September 26 – Tuesday, September 29, 2026*  
(Pre-Conference: Saturday, September 26, 2026)  
**San Francisco, CA**

Conference Theme: **Community, Care, and Compassion: Mirror to Resilience,  
Learning, and Growth**

**CONFERENCE PROGRAM PROPOSAL DEADLINE: *Friday, May 22, 2026.***

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We invite ACCTA members to submit Continuing Education Conference presentation proposals.

**Presentation length:** 90 minutes

**Presentation type(s):** may be any or a combination of:

1. didactic/lecture
2. more discussion oriented
3. experiential, workshop-style

**Presenters:**

1. must be current ACCTA members
2. may be individual or co-presenters within ACCTA membership
3. newer members and early career Training Directors/Coordinators are especially encouraged to submit proposals!
4. presenters who propose very similar topics may be invited to collaborate on a single presentation.

**Instructions for Submitting Proposals:**

1. Submit via email as MS Word or PDF attachments to **Patrick Galligan** ([patrick-galligan@uiowa.edu](mailto:patrick-galligan@uiowa.edu))
2. Please use the Subject Line: **2026 ACCTA Program Proposal**

**Submission Requirements:**

1. Completed Conference Program Proposal (including Learning Objectives, and References, consistent with APA CE approval requirements – please see attached document for APA CE requirements)
2. Current Curriculum Vita for **Each/every** presenter

We encourage submissions that complement the conference theme, as well as programs that are more generally relevant to training.

**Conference Theme Topics may include (but not limited to):**

- *How we as trainers pull from a foundation of caring and compassion to support our trainees to engage their resilience through difficult experiences during the internship year*
- *Balancing care and compassion with the role of gate-keeping for entry into the profession (e.g., remediation, dismissal)*
- *Relevance of community, care, and compassion for training directors, supervisors, training staff when complex and difficult events arise in their work with trainees*
- *Creating respectful and compassionate training spaces for difficult and complicated conversations*
- *The value and ways of facilitating community and compassion within intern cohorts*
- *Navigating situations when it is particularly difficult to find places of compassion (particularly challenging trainee, challenging supervisor, challenging situation)*
- *The importance of community, care, and compassion for us training directors as the TD role can get so complicated*

**General Training Topics also received may include (but not limited to):**

- “Nuts and bolts” of running an internship program (e.g., intern selection process, setting up supervision, seminars, evaluations, etc.)
- Training innovations
- Engaging staff in training (e.g., supervisors training, staff development)
- Addressing common challenges in training (e.g., leave from internship, remediation, cohort conflict)

**Program Selection Considerations:**

- ✓ Fits conference theme
- ✓ Appeals to a broad range of Training Directors/Coordinators
- ✓ Includes first-time presenters
- ✓ Originality of programming/new topics
- ✓ Addresses current events/trends/themes in training
- ✓ Addresses APA defined Profession-Wide Competencies, including clinical/professional skills, ethics, and individual and cultural diversity
- ✓ Addresses issues unique to training or the role of the Training Director/Coordinator
- ✓ Congruent with ACCTA values and organizational goals
- ✓ Includes presenters with single submissions (vs. those submitting multiple proposals)
- ✓ Offers instruction at a post-licensure level
- ✓ Offers programming grounded in an evidence-based approaches

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Please contact the Conference Program Co-Chairs, Patrick or Sung, with any questions or concerns: [patrick-galligan@uiowa.edu](mailto:patrick-galligan@uiowa.edu); [sekim@buffalo.edu](mailto:sekim@buffalo.edu)