Dear Psychology Faculty Member:

As a psychology faculty member and possible advisor of psychology students, I am writing to inform you about our psychology graduate programs at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. Since 1994, we have committed ourselves to the goals of achieving and maintaining excellence in graduate education in psychology. Some of you have expressed your confidence in our graduate programs by referring outstanding applicants to us who have successfully entered and completed our programs. Our students are committed to receiving education and training in empirically-based CBT practice, leading change, interprofessional collaboration, serving the underserved, overcoming health disparities, and focusing on individual and cultural diversity in professional practice. And, as of this year, all of our programs are now housed within PCOM’s new School of Professional and Applied Psychology, of which I have the honor of being appointed as the Founding Dean.

We hope you’ll take a moment to explore all of the exciting offerings and initiatives we have undertaken within the School of Professional and Applied Psychology. If you mentor students who you believe would be a good fit with our programs, please consider encouraging them to learn more:

**Department of School Psychology**

- **PsyD in School Psychology**: students enter at the bachelor’s level; recently approved for a site visit by the American Psychological Association.
- **MS** and **EdS** in School Psychology programs: approved by National Association of School Psychologists; MS program, which is taught with behavioral analytic focus, is certified by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board.
- **Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in Applied Behavior Analysis**: online programs; approved by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board
- **NEW PhD in Educational Psychology**

**Department of Clinical Psychology**

- **PsyD in Clinical Psychology**: achieved the maximum reaccreditation of seven years by the APA in 2016
- **Post-Doctoral Certificate Programs in Clinical Neuropsychology and Clinical Health Psychology**

**Department of Counseling**

- **MS in Mental Health Counseling**
- **MS in Counseling and Clinical Health Psychology**

Both programs meet requirements of the National Board of Certified Counselors to allow our students to sit for the NCE examination at PCOM. To date, PCOM graduates who have taken the exam here have achieved a 100% pass rate and performance exceeds the national average.
Department of Organizational Development and Leadership

- **MS in Organizational Development and Leadership**: trains practitioners who lead effective change in organizations.

In conclusion, we are very proud of our students, faculty, and staff and will continue to pursue our commitment to providing excellence in training empirically-based, culturally sensitive practitioner-scholars in professional psychology and systems-based practitioners in leadership. Our students come from all walks of life and represent a diverse array of individual and cultural diversity. Our faculty are committed to mentoring and socializing students into the profession during the journey to achieve their goals. PCOM faculty members are highly experienced and skilled experts in practice and scholarship across a wide array of specialty areas who are also distinguished by their commitment to mentoring. We work closely with our students in a student-centered context. In our doctoral programs, over the past 3 years we have had over 100,000 downloads of student dissertations worldwide through PCOM Digital Commons. Our faculty members are active contributors of research and scholarly activity to the field through publishing of books and research articles and making professional presentations at local, national and international meetings. Often, as part of our mentoring mission, our students participate in these activities with us as we socialize them into our profession.

If you would like more information about our programs, please feel free to contact me. Also, if any of your students are interested in visiting us and sitting in on a graduate class, we would be happy to accommodate them.

Sincerely,

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