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The iaedp™ Foundation Relays Top 10 Benefits for Professional Certification

PEKIN, IL (Aug. 15, 2017) -- As the rate of individuals affected by eating disorders continues to grow in the United States, a greater need for qualified treatment providers exists to offer impactful treatment. The iaedp™ Foundation, which has established certification processes to promote standards of excellence within the field of eating disorders, recognizes the increasing need for treatment by offering advanced certification.

“It is iaedp’s mission to promote excellence in competency assessment for professionals in the eating disorders field by offering a rigorous set of criteria for the evaluation of education, training, knowledge and experience,” said Bonnie Harken, Managing Director at iaedp™. “iaedp’s goal is to provide professional certification that is obtainable and affordable while setting the high level of standards necessary.”

In fact, iaedp™ has identified the top 10 benefits for professional certification for those who treat eating disorders.

- Professional identity - Certification validates levels of knowledge, training and expertise.
- Professional commitment - A certified clinician is proclaiming a commitment to aggressively battling eating disorders.
- Promotion of ethical standards and quality care - A requirement of continued education ensures awareness of changes in the field and high standards of care.
- Increased consumer confidence and recognition - Consumers can be assured that a certified professional

has a high level of professional training, experience and knowledge with high regard to the treatment of eating disorders.

- Increased marketability and competitive edge - Employers, patients and colleagues have increased confidence of expertise in a certified professional. Certification provides a needed edge for eating disorders treatment professionals.
- Measure of professional excellence - In addition to the validation of knowledge and experience, certification provides guidelines that push the professional beyond standard limits to levels of excellence.
- Professional growth - Certification requirements ensure that eating disorder treatment professionals are updated on latest trends and treatment modalities.
- Personal satisfaction - Certification is a reflection of a professional's personal standards and commitment to professional growth.
- Dedication to clinical advancement - Certification is evidence that both the professional and iaedp™ are diligent in seeking advancement in training, education, research and competency in addressing the complexities involved in the treatment of eating disorders.
- Recognition that eating disorders are complex, and effective treatment requires ongoing academic and intellectual involvement. - Certified professionals understand that eating disorders are a true threat to society and need an assertive approach with intent to make a lasting impact.

About the iaedp Foundation:



Established in 1985, the International Association of Eating Disorders Professionals (iaedp) is today well recognized for its excellence in providing first-quality education and high-level training standards to an international multidisciplinary group of various healthcare treatment providers and helping professions, who treat the full spectrum of eating disorder problems.