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Dear Dr. Balkin,

We wish to submit an original research article entitled "Supporting International Students in Counselor Education Program" for consideration by International Journal for the Advancement of Counseling. We confirm that this work is original and has not been published elsewhere, nor is it currently under consideration for publication elsewhere.

In this paper, we show the challenges that international students in CES programs experience while studying at U.S based institutions such as acculturation and provide recommendations including a targeted mentorship program. This is significant because multiculturalism is a critical component of CACREP programs, and thus efforts that support cultural diversity increase the internationalization of counseling. We believe that this manuscript is appropriate for publication by International Journal for the Advancement of Counseling because it addresses social justice equity and counselor education as per the aims and scope of the journal. Thus, our conceptual ideas will allow your readers to understand the unique challenges that international students face and recommendations outlined.

Thank you for your consideration of this manuscript.

Sincerely,
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