



Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs

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Dr. James Schmotter
Office of the President
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Dear Dr. Schmotter:

The Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) Board of Directors met January 13-15, 2011 for the purpose of rendering accreditation decisions. Two programs housed in the School of Professional Studies at Western Connecticut State University were reviewed under the 2009 CACREP Standards. The Board made the following decisions:

Clinical Mental Health Counseling (M.S. Degree)

Accredited: Two-Year Period with Conditions through March 31, 2013

School Counseling (M.S. Degree)

Accredited: Two-Year Period with Conditions through March 31, 2013

The above accreditation decisions were based on the Board's extensive review of the self-study documents, the visiting team's report, and your institution's response to the visiting team's report. Please note that when the CACREP Board grants accreditation for a two-year period, the Board believes the "program substantially meets the requirements for accredited status," but that there are some standards which need to be more thoroughly addressed and implemented.

Although these programs have conditions cited, as outlined on page 3 of this letter, the faculty deserve to be congratulated for the time, energy, and commitment that they have

given throughout this accreditation process. CACREP recognizes that this has been a cooperative endeavor and believes that the condition can be met within the prescribed two-year period.

Prior to the expiration of the two-year period, the program must submit an Interim Report to the Board. This report should provide documentation that the conditions have been met. Four (4) electronic copies (in read-only format on CDs) of the documentation should be submitted to the CACREP office no later than October 1, 2012. This deadline allows for the Board's review of the Interim Report documentation at its January 2013 meeting. Upon a favorable review by the Board, this program would then be permitted to continue its accreditation status until March 31, 2019.

A certificate of accreditation is enclosed with Dr. Rossi's copy of this letter. On behalf of the CACREP Board, I would like to extend my thanks to you and your administration for the support provided throughout the accreditation process. Administrative support is considered vital to the process of continuous improvement of higher education programs. Once again, congratulations are extended to all of those involved in making this a successful accreditation review process.

Sincerely,



Carol L. Bobby, Ph.D., LPC, NCC
President and CEO

Enclosure

cc: Dr. MaryAnn Rossi, Interim Dean, School of Professional Studies
Dr. Theresa Canada, Chair, Education and Educational Psychology Department
Dr. Michael Gilles, CACREP Liaison

Conditions Relevant to Both Programs

Standard I.J

Please provide evidence that the planned minority recruitment initiative outlined in the Institutional Response to the Team Report has been implemented.

Standard I.AA.1

Please provide evidence that the programs, curricular offerings, and characteristics of program applicants are regularly reviewed in Counselor Education faculty meetings.