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Dear Ms. Reed:

This letter is to advise you of the action of the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) board regarding the Coordinated Program in Dietetics at Indiana State University. During its June 13-15, 2012 Summer meeting, the ACEND board continued the accreditation status of your Program based on its Program Assessment Report. The Program is accredited at the baccalaureate and master's level for an enrollment of 16 first-year students and 16 second-year students with a Foodservice Management concentration.

The decision was based on a peer review of the Report and the Program's response to reviewers' comments.

Since your program has a CP/BS track and a CP/MS track, for future reports, outcome data must be gathered for each track separately and the data and actions must be included in a separate analysis for each track.

In addition, the ACEND board requested an interim report to monitor continued compliance of Standard Eight. One copy of this report addressing the following must be submitted postmarked no later than July 1, 2014.

Standard 8: Ongoing Program Improvement Guideline 8.1 (2008 Criterion 1.6.2.1)

Your program identified a plan to improve the first-time pass rate on the registration examination since your program is not achieving ACEND's pass rate benchmark. Evidence that this plan has been implemented is needed. Specifically, you must discuss:

• the trend in pass rate since the plan was implemented;

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- the actual changes made and implemented in the curriculum, policies and procedures;
- the progress on assessment of the student learning outcomes related to your objectives;
- the effectiveness of your plan; and
- additional strategies you plan to implement if your program has not yet achieved ACEND's pass rate benchmark.

Your interim report should also include a copy of your program's Pass Rate Improvement Plan.

Ongoing monitoring of program outcomes and goal achievement is an essential component of continuous quality improvement. Your efforts toward quality dietetics education are encouraged. The next review and site visit is scheduled for 2016. You will receive correspondence one year in advance of the next review inviting you to apply for full accreditation under the Accreditation Standards in effect at that time.

Please note, the standards for ACEND-accredited programs were revised in February 2012 and went into effect on June 1, 2012, in order to align with the results from the 2010 practice audit conducted by the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) and requirements of the U.S. Department of Education. It is expected that you will make any modifications necessary to your program to come into compliance with the revised Standards, in order to assure that program graduates are prepared to sit for updated registration examinations now implemented by CDR.

If major changes occur in your Program, you must submit them in writing to ACEND for review prior to implementation. The ACEND board maintains the right to require an interim report, self-study report, and/or site visit as a result of any changes. Guidelines for reporting major changes are on the ACEND Program Director Portal which can be accessed at www.eatright.org/ACEND.

Thank you for your support of dietetics education and students. If you have any questions, please call ACEND staff at 800-877-1600 x5400.

Sincerely,

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