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Dear Ms. Reed:

This letter is to advise you of the action of the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education board of the American Dietetic Association regarding the Coordinated Program in Dietetics at Indiana State University. During its April 20-21, 2007 meeting, the CADE board voted to grant continued Accreditation of the Program. The CP is accredited for an enrollment of 12 students annually and a General emphasis at the baccalaureate and master's levels.

The decision was based upon a peer review of the self-study application addressing the 2002 Eligibility Requirements and Accreditation Standards, site visit report and the Program's response. The review, however, indicates insufficient information about the following Standards. Two interim reports clarifying documentation of the Standards are requested. Three copies of the first report addressing the following comments must be submitted postmarked no later than **June 15, 2007**.

Standard Three: Program Management

The program response indicated that the revised Web site will be completed by January 2007. Therefore, evidence (pages from the Web site) that all the CADE-required information is available to the public and prospective students is needed. In addition, the program response indicated a policy for assessment of prior learning and provision of verification statements to all students are now included in the Student Handbook, which is also available on the Web site. Evidence that these policies are available to the enrolled students is also needed.

In addition, the CADE board requested a second interim report further clarifying documentation of Standard One. Three copies of this report addressing the following must be submitted postmarked no later than April 1, 2009.

Standard One: Program Planning and Outcomes Assessment

The program provided a revised program assessment plan and identified plans to incorporate feedback from internal and external constituencies for planning, implementing and evaluating program effectiveness. Evidence that data are being collected and assessed on an ongoing, systematic basis to determine achievement of the outcome measures, and therefore the program goals, is needed.

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> Additionally, the program has identified a plan to improve the pass rate on the registration examination for dietitians. Evidence that the program uses the feedback collected through the program assessment process, including assessment of the student learning outcomes, to assess the effectiveness of the plan in improving the pass rate is needed.

CADE values the commitment to the quality and continued improvement of dietetics education demonstrated by the Coordinated Program in Dietetics during the accreditation process. In this spirit, the next review of the program will be in 2011, the five-year interval of the ten-year accreditation period, when the Program Assessment Report (PAR) is due. The PAR documents the comprehensive evaluation of the accredited program that has occurred during the previous five years. Maintenance of the program's accreditation status is dependent on CADE's acceptance of the PAR, which reaffirms continuation of the accreditation status of the program for the next five years. Approximately one year prior to the PAR submission date, the CADE staff will notify the Program and provide further information. Subsequent to the PAR, the next self-study and site visit for continued accreditation will be scheduled for 2016.

In the meantime, if major changes occur in the Program, you must submit the changes in writing to CADE for review prior to implementation. CADE maintains the right to require an interim report, selfstudy, and/or site visit as a result of these changes. Guidelines for reporting major changes are on the ADA/CADE Website at www.eatright.org/cade under the Apply/Maintain Accreditation tab.

Thank you for your interest in and support of dietetics education and students. If there are any questions, please call the CADE staff at 800-877-1600 ext. 5400.

Sincerely,

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Chair

Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education

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