



ACCREDITATION ACTION REPORT Annual Report Review

The Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology has reviewed the program's accreditation annual report and took the accreditation action indicated below.

Name of Program: Indiana State University

File #: 72

Professional Area:

Audiology
Speech-Language Pathology

Residential Program
Distance Education
Satellite Campus
Contractual Arrangement

Degree Designator(s): M.S.,M.A.

Current Accreditation Cycle: 6/1/09 – 5/31/17

Action Taken: Remove probation

Effective Date: February 21, 2015

Next Review: Annual Report due August 1, 2015

Notices: The program is advised to adhere to the following notices that are appended to this report.

- PROGRAM COMPLIANCE EXPECTATIONS
- PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF DECISION AND ACCREDITATION STATUS

As a result of its review of the annual report, the CAA found the program to be in compliance with the Standards for Accreditation of Graduate Education Programs in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology, except as noted below.

AREAS OF NON-COMPLIANCE

The CAA found the program to be not in compliance with the following standards for accreditation. Non-compliance means that the program does not have in place the essential elements necessary to meet the standard. The program must demonstrate its compliance with these standards in the Prior Concerns section of the next annual report (or, if appropriate, within the context of the reaccreditation application) or by the time line specified below. The CAA will indicate in its review of that report whether the program has addressed these areas sufficiently to achieve compliance.

Standard: 5.3 Program effectiveness

Element of the standard to be met: Program completion rate threshold

Evidence of non-compliance:

Three-year averages for program completion rates are not within the CAA's established threshold. The program reports that completion rates are higher than computed by the HES because students failing to complete the program should not be included. While the HES does not accurately reflect students completing later than expected, there is an expectation that program completion rates will meet the 80% threshold for students completing within the expected time frame. An accurate computation of program completion rates within the expected time frame for the prior three years is 100% for the current year and 66% for both of the prior two years, a three-year average of 77%. Since the current year data exceeds the expected threshold, there is a reasonable expectation that the three-year average will meet the expected threshold by the time of the next annual report.

Steps to be Taken:

When reporting program completion rates within the expected time frame in the next annual report, if the three-year average is below 80%, indicate actions taken or plans in place to ensure compliance with the standard.

AREAS OF PARTIAL COMPLIANCE

The CAA found the program to be in partial compliance with the following standards for accreditation. Partial compliance means that the program has in place some, but not all, of the essential elements necessary to meet all aspects of the standard. The program must demonstrate its compliance with these standards in the Prior Concerns section of the next annual report (or, if appropriate, within the context of the reaccreditation application) or by the time line specified below. The CAA will indicate in its review of that report whether the program has addressed these areas sufficiently to achieve compliance.

Standard: 2.2 Faculty sufficiency

Element of the standard to be met: Number of full-time doctoral level faculty; overall faculty sufficiency meets program mission

Evidence of partial-compliance:

The program reports all didactic coursework with the exception of one course is now being taught by doctoral level faculty after the addition of a third full-time PhD faculty member. In addition, a search has been approved for another PhD faculty member to begin in fall 2015. While faculty sufficiency remains a concern, the program is making progress toward achieving faculty sufficiency in the area of doctoral level faculty and overall faculty numbers.

Steps to be Taken:

At the time of the next annual report, provide an update on the outcome of the search for an additional doctoral level faculty member and overall faculty sufficiency in the next annual report.
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The CAA has evaluated this program regarding its performance with respect to student achievement and provides the following report, required as an accrediting agency recognized by the US Secretary of Education [34 CFR 602.17(f)(2)].

PERFORMANCE WITH RESPECT TO STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**Findings:**

<i>The CAA assessed the program's performance with respect to student achievement and found the program to meet or exceed the established CAA expectations (as described in accreditation standard 5.0-Assessment) in the following checked areas. Details regarding any of these areas found to be <u>not</u> in compliance are described earlier in this report in the context of the relevant standard.</i>
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	Program Completion Rates
x	Employment Rates
x	Praxis Examination Rates

PROGRAM COMPLIANCE EXPECTATIONS

CAA's recognition by the United States Secretary of Education requires that, if an accrediting agency's review of a program under any standard indicates that the program is not in compliance with that standard, the agency must require the program to take appropriate action to bring itself into compliance with the agency's standards within a time period that must not exceed two years [34 CFR 602.20(a)(2)(iii)]. If, after review of a required report, the program remains out of compliance with any standard and sufficient progress toward compliance has not been demonstrated, CAA may act to place the program on probation in accordance with the policy and procedures outlined in the Accreditation Manual on the academic accreditation Web site. If the program does not bring itself into compliance within the specified period, the accrediting agency must take immediate adverse action. If the program continues to remain out of compliance with any standard at the end of the specified period, CAA will withdraw accreditation, unless the CAA judges the program to be making a good faith effort to come into compliance with the standards. In such case, the CAA may, for good cause, extend the period for achieving compliance for no longer than one additional year and may decide to continue the accreditation cycle and to monitor the program's progress. CAA defines a "good faith effort" as 1) an appropriate plan for achieving compliance within a reasonable time frame, 2) a detailed timeline for completion of the plan, 3) evidence that the plan has been implemented according to the established timeline, and 4) reasonable assurance that the program can and will achieve compliance as stated in the plan.

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF THIS DECISION AND ACCREDITATION STATUS

The CAA publishes a notice of final accreditation actions on its Web site after comprehensive reviews are completed in accordance with its published policies. In the event an adverse action is taken and becomes final (i.e., withdrawal or withholding of an accreditation status), the CAA is required to publish a brief statement summarizing the reasons for withholding or withdrawing the accreditation

status of a program, together with the comments, if any, that the affected program may wish to make.

The US Department of Education (USDE) requires all recognized accrediting agencies to provide for the public correction of incorrect or misleading information an accredited or preaccredited program releases about accreditation or preaccreditation status, contents of site visit reports, and accrediting or preaccrediting actions with respect to the program. [34 CFR 602.23(d) and 602.23(e)] The program must make accurate public disclosure of the accreditation or preaccreditation status awarded to the program, using the suggested language provided in the Accreditation Manual on the academic accreditation Web site. If the program chooses to disclose any additional information within the scope of the USDE rule, such disclosure also must be accurate. Any public disclosure of information within the scope of the rule must include the CAA's name, address, and telephone number as described in the Accreditation Manual. If a program misrepresents or distorts any action by the CAA with respect to any aspect of the accreditation process, its accreditation status, the contents of the site visit report, or final CAA accreditation actions or decisions, the CAA will notify the chief executive officer of the institution and the program director, informing them that corrective action must be taken. If corrective action is not taken, the CAA will release a public statement that provides correct information and may invoke other sanctions as may be appropriate. If the Accreditation unit discovers that a program has released incorrect or misleading information within the scope of the USDE rule, then it, acting on behalf of CAA, will make public correction, and it reserves the right to disclose this Accreditation Action Report in its entirety for that purpose.