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CAA File #72

Dear Dr. Hammen,

We are happy to inform you that the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) has approved your annual report for the master's program in speech-language pathology.

Your next annual report is due August 2016 and will be submitted using the on-line format via the Higher Education System. Approximately four months prior to the due date of your report, you will be sent a reminder that the program's next report to the CAA is due for submission.

The issues related to standards compliance provided in the attached *Accreditation Action Report* must be addressed in the program's next CAA report. The CAA expects that the program will demonstrate full compliance with the standards cited by the time of the next CAA report. If there is not sufficient evidence of full compliance by that date, the program's accreditation may be in jeopardy, in keeping with the US Department of Education's criteria for CAA's recognition:

(b) if the institution or program does not bring itself into compliance within the specified period, the agency must take immediate adverse action unless the agency, for good cause, extends the period for achieving compliance.

The CAA considers timely submission of all accreditation reports and fees a critical condition for continued accredited status. Thus, a program will be placed on Administrative Probation when it has not met its reporting and/or financial expectations to the CAA. Administrative Probation is an action taken by the CAA as a result of failure, by established deadlines, to complete and file any accreditation report, including all special requests for information or pay annual accreditation fees.

Public Notice of Accreditation Status:

The CAA requires programs to disclose *accurate* information about their accreditation status, to include the specific degree program awarded candidacy or accreditation, along with the full name, address, and phone number of the accrediting agency:

Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology

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Refer to Chapter XII of the CAA <u>Accreditation Handbook</u> for the appropriate language to use in publicizing your program's accreditation status.

Notification of Changes:

When the CAA awards or approves to continue an accreditation status, it does so based on the expectation that the program will continue to comply with all accreditation standards over the term of accreditation. On occasion, changes occur prior to the next regularly scheduled CAA report and require immediate notification to the CAA. These include:

- 1. Changes in institutional accreditation status
- 2. Program director changes
- 3. Administrative structure changes
- 4. Program closure

Should any of these changes occur prior to your next CAA report, please refer to the detailed information about the CAA's policies and procedures, which are available under in Chapter XI of the <u>Accreditation Handbook</u>.

We look forward to continued discussions with you regarding the ongoing development and quality improvement of your program to prepare future professionals in audiology and speech-language pathology. Please let us know if we can assist your program in any way.

Sincerely,

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