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(via email)

Dear Dr. Engler:

I am pleased to inform you that the review of your application to renew your status as a Council on Education of the Deaf Accredited program has been completed and that your program has been unanimously approved for full CED Accreditation. Congratulations!

Your CED Accreditation is effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2022 in accordance with the newly approved six (6) year cycle. The sixth year is the “reporting year” with your renewal application submitted during that year.

As part of Standard 1, you have identified yourself as a Comprehensive program and provided course outlines to support this designation. The courses, by the way, received very positive comments from all reviewers. The one thing that was found to be missing was an exit criteria for sign language proficiency. The ASL courses were strong, but both reviewers recommended that there be some kind of formal assessment, such as the ASLPI or SLPI, at the end of the program to ensure that candidates who will be teaching in programs in which students learn through sign language have the appropriate sign communication skills. The Board requests, as part of your approval, that your program address this issue and is able to respond to it by your next review. The Board also asks that you report annually on your progress or activity in addressing this condition (this means an email to me describing any action you are taking, such as reviewing current instruments, discussing it in a faculty meeting, etc.). We understand that this is complicated process and needs time to be put in place, but nonetheless, we that you will have satisfactorily addressed this condition by your next review.

Reviewers did comment upon the excellence of your response to Standard 5 -- using solid research to guide your program development and improvement is something we rarely see and is quite commendable!

Congratulations again on achieving full CED Accreditation. We would also like to acknowledge your program excellence and present you with your Certificate of Accreditation at the upcoming ACE-DHH conference to be held next year in San Antonio.

Thank you for submitting such a thorough application and more importantly, for your outstanding efforts in preparing high quality teachers of deaf and hard of hearing students.

Sincerely,

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