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(via email)

Dear Dr. Antia:

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 ASL courses were viewed very positively, but both reviewers recommended that there be some kind of formal assessment, such as the ASLPI or SLPI, as an exit criteria 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. You indicated that your program will be phasing in a sign communication exit criteria beginning with the entering class of 2018 with the requirement of a 2+ score on the ASLPI. Reviewers were very impressed with your response and plan and commend you on addressing this issue so directly.

Reviewers also commented upon the very comprehensive nature of your courses, the wide range of field experiences you provide, the excellence of your faculty and the rigor of your program.

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,

Joseph E. Fischgrund

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Executive Director, CED

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