



The Standard of Excellence  
in Teacher Preparation

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Dear Dr. Howard:

Let me begin by thanking you for your commitment to high quality educator preparation as exemplified by your participation in the NCATE national accreditation process. I am writing to inform you that at its April 21-24, 2012 meeting in San Antonio, Texas, the Unit Accreditation Board of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) considered the continuing accreditation at the advanced preparation level of the Professional Education Unit at Arkansas State University. I am pleased to inform you of the Unit Accreditation Board's decision to continue the accreditation of the Professional Education Unit at Arkansas State University at the advanced preparation level. This accreditation decision indicates that the unit and its programs meet rigorous standards set forth by the professional education community. A certificate that acknowledges the unit's accomplishment is enclosed with the copy of this letter that has been sent to the head of your professional education unit.

Details of the Unit Accreditation Board's findings are provided and any areas for improvement are listed in the enclosed accreditation action report. You may use the information provided in the Board of Examiners report at your discretion.

The next NCATE visit is scheduled for **Fall 2016**. In partnership states, the actual date of the visit must be determined jointly by the state and NCATE. As you know, all institutions are asked to complete the NCATE annual report each year during the accreditation period. You are required to report specifically on progress toward correcting areas for improvement cited in the action report. In addition, we ask that you provide us with information on your unit's efforts to assure that you continue to meet expectations of the unit standards.

Also, for your information enclosed is a copy of NCATE's Policies on Dissemination of Information, which describe the terms and dates by which your current accreditation action becomes a matter of public record. This document also indicates organizations that will be notified of accreditation action. If your state has a partnership agreement with NCATE, the state agency with program approval authority has access to these documents in NCATE's Accreditation Information Management System (AIMS).

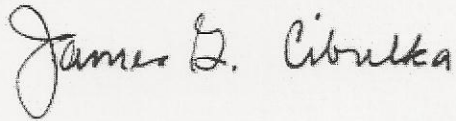
To celebrate your accreditation, I encourage you to use the online press packet on NCATE's website. From the homepage, click on "Accreditation," then "After the Visit," "Celebrating Accreditation," and then "Press Packet." The packet includes a sample press release announcing a school of education's accreditation status to the media, as well as samples of announcements that can be sent to P-12 schools, foundations, businesses, policymakers, and other stakeholders in your area. Other strategies are also included for garnering media attention throughout the year. In addition, because the education unit is professionally accredited, we encourage you to use the NCATE logo on print materials such as brochures and catalogs, as well as on your unit's website. The logo can be found at the link just above "Press Packet" under the subhead "Celebrating



Accreditation" as noted above. The logo is a distinctive mark that demonstrates that you have met demanding national professional standards for educator preparation. In addition, we have a sample graduation certificate with the NCATE logo that can be adopted for use as a supplement to the institutional graduation certificate.

Congratulations again on this accomplishment. Should you have any questions regarding NCATE's action or the items reported herein, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James G. Cibulka". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

James G. Cibulka  
President

Enclosures: Action Report, Policies on Dissemination of Information

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