



**Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs**

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Dear Dr. Howard:

The Board of Directors of the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) Board of Directors met January 5-7, 2012, for the purpose of rendering accreditation decisions. A program housed in the College of Education at Arkansas State University was reviewed under the 2009 CACREP Standards. The Board made the following decision:

**School Counseling (M.S.E. degree)**

*Accredited: Two-Year Period with Conditions through March 31, 2014*

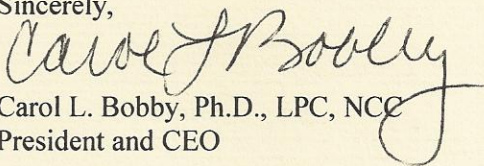
The Board based the above listed accreditation decision on an extensive review of the self-study documents, the visiting team's report, and your institution's response to the visiting team's report. Please note that when the CACREP Board grants accreditation for a two-year period, the Board believes the "program substantially meets the requirements for accredited status," but that there are one or more standards which need to be more thoroughly addressed and implemented.

Although this program has conditions cited, as outlined on page 3 of this letter, the faculty deserve to be congratulated for the time, energy, and commitment that they have given throughout this accreditation process. CACREP recognizes that this has been a cooperative endeavor and believes that the conditions can be met within the prescribed two-year period.

Prior to the expiration of the two-year period, the program must submit an Interim Report to the Board. This report should provide documentation that the conditions have been met. Four (4) electronic copies (in read-only format on CDs) of the documentation should be submitted to the CACREP office no later than October 1, 2013. This deadline allows for the Board's review of the Interim Report documentation at its January 2014 meeting. Upon a favorable review by the Board, this program would then be permitted to continue its accreditation status until March 31, 2017. This date reflects prior extensions of accredited status granted to the program.

A certificate of accreditation is enclosed with Dean Meeks' copy of this letter. On behalf of the CACREP Board, I would like to extend my thanks to you and your administration for the support provided throughout the accreditation process. Administrative support is considered vital to the process of continuous improvement of higher education programs. Once again, congratulations are extended to all of those involved in making this a successful accreditation review process.

Sincerely,



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President and CEO

Enclosure

cc: Dr. Glen Jones, Interim Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost  
Dr. Greg Meeks, Interim Dean, College of Education  
Dr. Loretta Neal McGregor, Chair, Department of Psychology and Counseling  
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