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CAA File #60

Dear Dr. Norris,

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 February 1, 2018 and will be submitted through the online reporting 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. Both the 2008 and 2017 standards are noted in the annual report, the CAA expects that the program will demonstrate full compliance with the 2017 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:

**ACCREDITATION ACTION REPORT
Annual Report Review**

The Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology has reviewed the program's accreditation annual report and took the accreditation action indicated below.

Name of Program: Louisiana State University and A&M College

File #: 60

Professional Area:

- Audiology
 Speech-Language Pathology

Modality:

- Residential
 Distance Education
 Satellite Campus
 Contractual Arrangement

Degree Designator(s): M.A.

Current Accreditation Cycle: 12/1/2013 - 11/30/2021

Action Taken: Continue accreditation

Effective Date: July 10, 2017

Next Review: Annual Report – February 1, 2018

Notices: The program is advised to adhere to the following notices that are appended to this report.

- PROGRAM COMPLIANCE EXPECTATIONS
- PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF DECISION AND ACCREDITATION STATUS

Steps to be Taken:

At the time of the next annual report, clarify the certification status and department responsibilities of this faculty member.

2008 Standard: 2.2

2017 Standard: 2.1

Element of the standard to be met: Overall faculty sufficiency meets program mission

Evidence of partial-compliance:

The program reported that there are no other graduate programs in the department aside from the Master of Arts SLP program; however, the department offers a PhD program in SLP.

Steps to be Taken:

At the time of the next annual report, provide updated information on all graduate programs within the department.

AREAS FOR FOLLOW-UP (clarification/verification)

The program should provide an update in the next annual report (or, if appropriate, in the context of the reaccreditation application) on the issues related to the following standards for accreditation. The CAA did not find the program to be out of compliance with these standards at this time, but requires that additional information be provided in the program’s next report, in order to monitor the program’s continued compliance in the stated areas.

- **There are no areas of follow-up with accreditation standards.**

The CAA has evaluated this program regarding its performance with respect to student achievement and provides the following report, required as an accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education [34 CFR 602.17(f)(2)].

PERFORMANCE WITH RESPECT TO STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Findings:

<i>The CAA assessed the program’s performance with respect to student achievement and found the program to meet or exceed the established CAA expectations (as described in accreditation standard 5.0-Assessment) in the following checked areas. Details regarding any of these areas found to be <u>not</u> in compliance are described earlier in this report in the context of the relevant standard.</i>	
x	Program Completion Rates
x	Employment Rates
x	Praxis Examination Rates

PROGRAM COMPLIANCE EXPECTATIONS

As an accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education, the CAA must comply with Criterion §602.20 [34 CFR 602.20(a)(2)(iii)]. This criterion requires that if an accrediting agency’s review of a program indicates that the program is not in compliance with any standard, the CAA must establish timelines for programs that are not in full compliance “to take appropriate action to bring