

October 28, 2013

William L. Jenkins, Ph.D.
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Dear President Jenkins:

At its October 2013 meeting, the Commission on Accreditation (COA) reviewed the *Reaffirmation* application for the Master of Social Work program. The COA voted to reaffirm the program's accreditation for eight years, with a *Progress Report* to be reviewed by the COA.

In taking this action, the Commission identified the following areas of concern:

Accreditation Standard 1.0.2: *[The program] identifies its goals and demonstrates how they are derived from the program's mission.*

The program was asked to clarify how its goals are derived from the program's mission. The program provided a rationale for its stated goals. The rationale, however, consists mostly of a strategy for achieving the intervening unarticulated academic/programmatic goals.

Instructions: The program is asked to provide a set of goals, in programmatic terms that comport with the stated social work mission.

Accreditation Standard M2.0.2: *[The program] discusses how its mission and goals are consistent with advanced practice (EP M2.2).*

The site visitor was directed to clarify with the program how the program's mission and goals are consistent with advanced practice. The program offers an overview its advanced curriculum. However, it falls short of connecting the advanced curriculum with the stated mission and goals.

Instructions: The program is asked to specifically describe how its advanced practice curriculum is consistent with the stated mission and goals.

Please submit three (3) copies of the *Progress Report* no later than August 1, 2014 for review during the October 2014 Commission on Accreditation meeting.

Please be in touch with Mary Deffley Kurfess, MSSW, Accreditation Associate in the Office of Social Work Accreditation, if there are any questions about this letter or the procedures and actions of the Commission on Accreditation.

Sincerely,

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