



July 27, 2015

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Dear Dr. McDavis:

The Board of Directors of the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) met July 9-11, 2015, for the purpose of rendering accreditation decisions. At this meeting, the Board reviewed the application submitted by the Gladys W. and David H. Patton College of Education at Ohio University to convert the Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling (M.Ed. degree) program to a program holding joint accreditation by CACREP and the Council on Rehabilitation Education (CORE) under the respective Clinical Mental Health Counseling and Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling Standards. Following its review of the application in relation to the requirements for Clinical Mental Health Counseling programs outlined in the policy for *Converting a CORE-Accredited Rehabilitation Counseling Program to a Dually Accredited Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling and Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program*, the CACREP Board approved the conversion. The CACREP Board's decision was made subsequent to the correlative recommendation by the CORE Board in relation to the Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling Standards. As agreed upon by both organizations, the program is now accredited as follows:

**Clinical Mental Health Counseling and Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling (M.Ed. degree)**  
*Accredited through October 31, 2020*

Prior to this decision the program held sole accreditation through CORE as a Rehabilitation Counseling program. In achieving the dual accreditation, this program joins a small number of other programs in holding the distinction of becoming one of the earliest programs in the country to do so. While the CACREP Board did approve this conversion, it reiterated the need, noted for attention in the letter sent to Dr. Robinson dated July 6, 2015, for the program title to convey the Mental Health Counseling identity for the program in addition to the Rehabilitation Counseling identity. Please note that this approval of conversion was based on an abbreviated conversion review. A full review of the program will occur when the program applies for reaccreditation near the end of the current accreditation cycle.

The approval for conversion and dual accreditation is notable for an additional reason beyond this program being one of the earliest programs in the country to achieve it. Through holding this dual accreditation, program graduates, including those who graduated within the academic year prior to this decision date and who completed the curricular and clinical requirements included in this review, will be eligible for hiring in key federal programs, including the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and TRICARE, which have stipulated graduation from an accredited program as an employment criterion.

On behalf of the CACREP and CORE Boards, we would like to extend our thanks to you and your administration for the support provided to this program. Such support is considered vital to assuring continued quality in higher education programs. A certificate of accreditation will be enclosed with Dr. Middleton's copy of this letter. Once again, congratulations are extended to all of those involved in making this a successful accreditation review process.

Sincerely,



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Frank Lane, Ph.D.  
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Enclosure

cc: Dr. Renée A. Middleton, Dean, Gladys W. and David H. Patton College of Education  
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Liaison