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Dear Dr. Clifford:

This letter is to advise you of the action of the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) board regarding the Didactic Program in Dietetics at California State University-Chico. During its February 22-24, 2012 meeting, the ACEND board voted to continue full Accreditation of the Program. Accreditation is granted for a Didactic Program in Dietetics at the baccalaureate level.

The decision was based upon a peer review of the self-study report addressing the 2008 Accreditation Standards, site visit report and the Program's response. ACEND recognizes the Program's compliance with the accreditation standards and encourages you to continue your efforts in providing quality dietetics education.

ACEND values the commitment to the quality and continued improvement of dietetics education demonstrated by the Didactic Program in Dietetics during the accreditation process. In this spirit, the next review of the program will be in **2016**, the five-year midpoint of the ten-year accreditation period, when the Program Assessment Report (PAR) is due. The PAR documents comprehensive evaluation of the accredited program that has occurred during the previous five years. Affirmation of the program's accreditation status is dependent on the ACEND board's evaluation of the PAR, which determines continuation of the accreditation status of the program for the remaining five years. The ACEND staff will notify the Program and provide further information approximately one year prior to the PAR submission date. Subsequent to the PAR, the next comprehensive self-study report and site visit for continued accreditation will be scheduled for **2021**.

Please note, the standards for ACEND-accredited programs were revised in February 2012, in order to align with the results from the 2010 practice audit conducted by the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) and requirements of the U.S. Department of Education. It is expected that you will make any modifications necessary to your program to come into compliance with the revised Standards on or before June 1, 2012, in order to assure that program graduates are prepared to sit for updated registration examinations implemented by CDR in 2012.

In the meantime, if major changes occur in the Program, you must submit them in writing to ACEND for review prior to implementation. The ACEND board maintains the right to require an interim report, self-study report, and/or site visit as a result of any changes. Guidelines for reporting major changes are on the ACEND Program Director Portal at www.eatright.org/ACEND under Program Director Portal.

Thank you for your interest in and support of dietetics education and students. If you have any questions, please call the ACEND staff at 800-877-1600 ext. 5400.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: Site Visit Report (Final 2-21-12)

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