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Holly Nevarez, PhD, MPH, MCHES  
Chair, Public Health & Health Services Administration Department  
California State University, Chico  
*Sent via email*

Dear Dr. Nevarez:

On behalf of the Council on Education for Public Health, I am pleased to advise you that the CEPH Board of Councilors acted at its August 25, 2023 meeting to accredit the California State University, Chico BS in Health Education Program for a five-year term.

I have attached a seal that reflects the program's accreditation status. Based on CEPH procedures, the program's initial accreditation date will be recorded as May 7, 2021.

The accreditation term extends until December 31, 2028, pending your continued documentation of compliance through annual reporting and any other reporting required by the Council.

We are enclosing a copy of the Council's final accreditation report. The report is also being transmitted to the chief executive officer of your university as the Council's official report. This differs from the team's report that you received prior to our meeting in the following areas: the Council added language to Criteria C4 (Community Feedback) and D2 (Faculty Resources) acknowledging the program's response to the site visit team's report and clarifying the Council's interpretation, as appropriate.

I would like to call your attention to the disclosure provisions in our adopted procedures. You are expected to make the official accreditation report available to the public on request 60 days following the accreditation decision. **You may make the report and final self-study available in full on your website or must clearly indicate on the website how to request a copy of either document.** See Section 7 of the [Accreditation Procedures](#) for additional information.

You may append a written response whenever you distribute the report. The official report also will be available on request from CEPH after 60 days, but it is our intent to refer all initial requests to you. If you provide this office with a copy of a written response by October 16, 2023, we will be pleased to append it whenever we respond to a request for the report. Please note that this response is optional.

We would also like to remind you that whenever an accredited school or program undergoes a substantive change, it is obligated to provide written notification to CEPH of the intended change. Substantive changes are defined in the procedures manual, but generally include adding or discontinuing a degree or area of specialization, offering a degree program in a different format or at a distant site, and making major revisions to the curricular requirements. Additional information about substantive changes is available on our [website](#).

Because the unit is accredited as a Standalone Baccalaureate Program, adding an MPH or professional graduate public health degree to the unit of accreditation requires either a change in accreditation category or a voluntary withdrawal from accreditation. Changes in category are explained in the [Accreditation Procedures](#) and the [FAQ document on our website](#); they require submission and approval of a notice of intent, initial application submission, and completion of all requirements associated with an initial accreditation, including a self-study and site visit. Please contact CEPH staff if you are considering adding an MPH or professional graduate public health degree.

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We appreciated the many courtesies and helpfulness extended to the site visit team.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig Blakely". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "C" and "B".

Craig Blakely, PhD, MPH  
President