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Dear Ms. Charlton:

This letter is to advise you of the action of the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND®) board regarding the Coordinated Program in Dietetics at Utah State University. During its January 27-29, 2016 meeting, the ACEND board voted to continue full accreditation of your program for a term of seven years ending June 30, 2023. Accreditation is granted for a Coordinated Program in Dietetics at the baccalaureate level for a maximum enrollment of 14 first- and 14 second-year students with a Nutrition Across the Life Cycle concentration.

The decision was based on a peer review of your self-study report addressing the 2012 Accreditation Standards, site visit report, and your program's response. The board requests an interim report to monitor continued compliance with the following Standard.

Standard 7: Program Assessment

The program submitted a new program assessment plan for the next seven years that includes the changes that were made to the program goals and objectives. The program has taken a variety of measures to ensure data collection occurs going forward. To ensure that an ongoing process of program evaluation and improvement based on the assessment plan has been implemented, evidence that data are being collected and assessed to determine achievement of the program goals and objectives is needed. The information provided in the report should include the following:

- description of types of qualitative and quantitative data collected to assess each objective, including the response rate and when data were collected
- comparison of the results of the assessment process with the objectives for each program goal

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- analysis of whether the program goals have been achieved
- strategies the program has identified to address any unmet objectives
- description of changes made or that the program is planning to make based on
- assessment results, and rationale for the changes.

A copy of the program assessment plan submitted with the site visit report response should be included in the report.

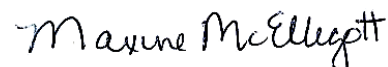
A PDF electronic copy of the report must be submitted via email to acendreports@eatright.org no later than **May 1, 2018**. (Note that your program will be charged a late fee if the report is submitted after the due date.)

The next accreditation review of your program by the ACEND board will be in **2023**. You will receive correspondence at least one year in advance of the site visit, which will be scheduled to occur in **January to June 2022**, inviting you to apply for full accreditation under the Accreditation Standards in effect at that time.

If major changes occur in your 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 requesting major changes are on the ACEND Program Director Portal which can be accessed at education.webauthor.com.

ACEND values your commitment to the quality and continued improvement of dietetics education as demonstrated during the accreditation process. Thank you for your support of dietetics education and students. If you have any questions, call ACEND staff at 800-877-1600 x5400.

Sincerely,



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