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Dr. Ann Weaver Hart Office of the President University of Arizona Old Main, Room 200 1200 East University Boulevard P.O. Box 210021 Tucson, Arizona 85721-0021

Dear Dr. Hart:

The Board of Directors of the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) met January 14-16, 2016, for the purpose of rendering accreditation decisions. A program housed in the College of Education at the University of Arizona was reviewed under the 2009 CACREP Standards. The Board made the following decision:

School Counseling (M.A. degree)

Accredited: Eight-Year Period through March 31, 2024

The above accreditation decision was based on the Board's extensive review of the self-study documents, the visiting team's report, and your institution's response to the visiting team's report.

Programs receiving accreditation for an eight-year period deserve to be commended for the work completed throughout the accreditation process. This is indeed a worthy achievement. Congratulations! Please note that a certificate of accreditation will be enclosed with Dr. Marx's copy of this letter.

Please be advised that CACREP is aware that the School Counseling program is housed in the Department of Disability and Psychoeducational Studies, which also houses a Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling program. The Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling program recently completed a specialized review process whereby its rehabilitation program that was already accredited by the Council on Rehabilitation Counseling (CORE) was able to obtain accredited status as a dually-accredited Clinical Mental Health Counseling and Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling (CMHC/CIRC) through both CACREP and CORE. This program's accreditation end date does not currently coincide with the expiration date provided to the newly accredited School Counseling program, and because CACREP and CORE are now engaged in

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merger discussions, information and processes are still under development as to when and to whom this program's re-accreditation application must be sent. However, once both the merger and a successful reaccreditation have been completed, CACREP will work with the institution to align the accreditation review cycles for the two programs. As noted, additional information will be forthcoming as the merger discussions between the two organizations progress.

On behalf of the CACREP Board, I would like to extend my thanks to you and your administration for the support provided to these programs. Such support is considered vital to assuring continued quality in higher education programs. Once again, congratulations are extended to all of those involved in making this a successful accreditation review process.

Sincerely,

Carol L. Bobby, Ph.D.

President and CEO

Enclosure

cc: Dr. Ronald W. Marx, Dean, College of Education

Dr. Linda R. Shaw, Chair, Department of Disability and Psychoeducational Studies

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