



Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs

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Dr. Sabah Randhawa
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Dear Dr. Randhawa:

The Board of Directors of the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) met January 12-14, 2023, for the purpose of making accreditation decisions. At this meeting, the Board reviewed the Interim Report submitted by the Rehabilitation Counseling Program housed in the Woodring College of Education at Western Washington University. This report was required to more fully address standards cited in the accreditation decision letter that was sent to your office and dated February 28, 2021. The report specifically addressed standards related to the accreditation of the Rehabilitation Counseling (M.A. degree) specialty area.

Based on its review of the report and supporting documentation, the Board decided to extend the accredited status of the specialty area for an additional two years through March 31, 2025. The Board determined that a standards-related requirement remains, necessitating additional reporting and evidence. This requirement is outlined on page 3 of this letter.

Prior to the expiration of the two-year period, the program must submit a second Interim Report to the Board. This report should provide evidence that the standards-related requirement has been addressed. The report should be submitted via CACREP's [online report submissions portal](#). The report should be submitted to the CACREP office no later than October 1, 2024. The Board will review the Interim Report at its next scheduled meeting.

Since this will be the second Interim Report for the counseling specialty area, if the standard is not adequately addressed, as per CACREP procedures, the Board would have no choice but to deny continued accreditation at the time of review. The Board strongly recommends that the program inform current students now of the reporting requirement and its plans to address the standard.

A revised certificate of accreditation will be sent to Dr. Roxas. Once again, the Board extends its thanks to you and your administration for the support given to the faculty in maintaining the accredited status of the counseling specialty area. Such support is considered vital to assuring continued quality in higher education programs.

Sincerely,

M. Sylvia Fernandez, Ph.D.

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President and CEO

Enclosure

cc: Dr. Kevin Roxas, Dean, Woodring College of Education
Dr. John Korsmo, Chair, Department of Health and Community Studies
Dr. Elizabeth Boland, CACREP Liaison

Standard to be Addressed in the Interim Report

Section 4: Evaluation in the Program

Standard B

Provide evidence that the counselor education program faculty use data from systematic follow-up studies of graduates, site supervisors, and employers of program graduates to evaluate the program objectives.