



**Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs**

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Dr. Kenneth S. Hawkinson  
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Dear Dr. Hawkinson:

The Board of Directors of the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) met January 11-13, 2018, for the purpose of making accreditation decisions. At this meeting, the Board reviewed the Interim Report submitted by the Department of Counselor Education housed in the College of Education at Kutztown 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 2, 2016. The report specifically addressed standards related to the accreditation of the Clinical Mental Health Counseling (M.A. degree), Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling (M.A. degree), and School Counseling (M.S. degree) programs.

Based on its review of the report and supporting documentation, the Board accepted the report and made a decision to extend the accredited status of the programs through the remainder of the eight-year cycle ending March 31, 2024.

While the programs have been accredited through the remainder of the current accreditation cycle, the Board offered a recommendation, as identified below, for consideration as the institution maintains the accreditation of the counseling programs. While the Board considers this issue to be an important matter, please note there is no requirement for a formal response to the recommendation.

Board Recommendation

The Board encourages the program faculty to develop complementary site supervisor survey training manuals for the Marriage, Couple and Family Counseling and School Counseling

programs, similar to the one provided in the Interim Report for the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program, if this has not already been done.

A revised certificate of accreditation will be enclosed with Dr. Ward's copy of this letter. 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 programs. Such support is considered vital to assuring continued quality in higher education programs.

Sincerely,



Charles F. Gressard, Ph.D.  
Interim President and CEO

Enclosure

cc: Dr. John Ward, Dean, College of Education  
Dr. Helen Hamlet, Chair, Department of Counselor Education