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Dear Dr. Fournet:

This letter is to advise you of the action of the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND®) board regarding the proposed program change submitted by the Didactic Program in Dietetics at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. During its January 27-29, 2016 meeting, the ACEND board voted to approve the request for the Didactic Program in Dietetics to be inactive from January 4, 2016 until May 20, 2018. At this time, all prospective applicants should be informed of the Program's inactive status and there must be no additional students admitted into the program after January 4, 2016.

The program provided evidence to comply with the ACEND Accreditation Standards and policies; however, the following comments identify the specific standard with which your program has not documented compliance:

Standard 10: Curricular Mapping

The program must provide an updated teach out plan that indicates there are currently no students being accepted during the current inactive status, which began on January 4, 2016. This would mean that those students currently in the program would complete the program by 2018 and the teach-out plan should not exceed that time period.

In addition, Standard 10 requires that courses occur in a sequential and logical manner so that students progress from introductory to more advanced learning activities that build on previous knowledge to achieve the expected depth and breadth of knowledge and competency. The teach-out plan provided indicates that in the fall of 2017 juniors in the DPD would be enrolled in DIET 200 Basic Nutrition, DIET 310 Nutrition Assessment, DIET 314 MNT I and DIET 333 Food Science. A logical progression would require students to complete basic nutrition prior to MNT or nutrition assessment. In spring 2018, the teach-out plan provided indicates, that second semester juniors would be enrolled in DIET 200 Basic Nutrition, Diet 315 MNT II, DIET 415 Experimental Foods and DIET 430 Topics in Dietetic Practice. It appears that some of the juniors would not be enrolled in basic nutrition until they are also taking MNT II. The program must also provide a more detailed teach out plan that demonstrates a logical progression of courses for those students still enrolled in the program.

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Standard 22: Information to Prospective Students and the Public

The program must also provide screen shots of the program's website notifying the public and prospective students of its inactive status.

Please submit your Progress Report in PDF electronic format via email to acendreports@eatright.org no later than **February 29, 2016**. (Note that a \$150 late fee is charged for reports submitted after the due date). ACEND policies state that programs on inactive status are still required to comply with requirements for maintaining accreditation including submission of all required documents and reports, the Annual Report and payment of accreditation fees. Our records indicate that the next site visit will be scheduled for **2017**. In the meantime, if you wish to propose major changes to your program, you must submit the changes in writing to ACEND for review prior to implementation. The ACEND board maintains the right to require an interim report, self-study, and/or site visit as a result of these changes. Guidelines for requesting major changes are posted on the Accreditation Community of the ACEND Portal which can be accessed at <https://education.webauthor.com>.

Thank you for your continued support of dietetics education. If you have any questions, please call the ACEND staff at 800-877-1600 ext. 5400.

Sincerely,



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