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Dear Dr. O’Neil:

This letter is to advise you of the action of the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND®) board regarding the Didactic Program in Dietetics at Louisiana State University. During its January 14-17, 2015 meeting, the ACEND® board continued the accreditation status of your program for the remainder of the ten-year term ending June 30, 2019. The decision was based on a peer review of the Program Assessment Report addressing the 2012 Accreditation Standards. Accreditation is continued for a Didactic Program in Dietetics at the baccalaureate level for a maximum enrollment of 50 third-, 50 fourth-year and 5 post-graduate students.

Ongoing monitoring of program outcomes and goal achievement is an essential component of continuous quality improvement. Your efforts toward quality dietetics education are encouraged. The next accreditation review of your program by the ACEND® board will be in 2019. Because your program’s accreditation term ends December 31, 2019, your program’s site visit will now be scheduled to occur in September–December 2018 to allow the review process to be completed before the program’s accreditation term ends. You will receive correspondence at least one year in advance of the site visit, 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 reporting major changes are on the ACEND® Program Director Portal which can be accessed at www.eatright.org/ACEND.
Thank you for your support of dietetics education and students. In this spirit, the ACEND® board commends your students and program for its 96% pass rate. If you have any questions, please call ACEND® staff at 800-877-1600 x5400.

Sincerely,

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