



## **CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT**

August 17, 2015

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CAA File #244

Master's program in speech-language pathology, Residential

Dear Dr. Wener,

I am pleased to inform you that during its meeting on July 15-18, 2015 the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) voted to re-accredit the graduate education program in speech-language pathology at Florida Atlantic University for a period of 8 years beginning July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2023. CAA publishes notice of its accreditation actions, including the basis for the decisions, for all final accreditation decisions resulting from a comprehensive review (applications for candidacy, initial accreditation, or re-accreditation) or that affect an accreditation status (e.g., accredited to accredited-on probation). Recent decisions can be accessed online at <http://www.asha.org/Academic/accreditation/caaDecisions/>.

The issues related to standards compliance provided in the attached *Accreditation Action Report* must be addressed in the program's next CAA report. The CAA expects that the program will demonstrate full compliance with the standards cited by the time of the next CAA report. If there is not sufficient evidence of full compliance by that date, the program's accreditation may be in jeopardy, in keeping with the US Department of Education's criteria for CAA's recognition:

*(b) if the institution or program does not bring itself into compliance within the specified period, the agency must take immediate adverse action unless the agency, for good cause, extends the period for achieving compliance.*

The program's first annual report will be submitted using an on-line format via the Higher Education System on August 1, 2016. Four months prior to the due date of the program's next CAA report, the program director will be sent an email notification indicating the timeline for completing this report.

The CAA considers timely submission of all accreditation reports and fees a critical condition for continued accredited status. Thus, a program will be placed on administrative probation as described in the [Accreditation Handbook](#) (Chapter XI.D. Expectation of Programs – Administrative Probation) when it has not met its reporting and/or financial expectations to the CAA. Administrative Probation is an action taken by the CAA as a result of failure, by established deadlines, to complete and file any accreditation report, including all special requests for information or pay annual accreditation fees.

Public Notice of Accreditation Status:

The CAA requires programs to disclose *accurate* information about their accreditation status, to include the specific degree program awarded candidacy or accreditation, along with the full name, address, and phone number of the accrediting agency:

**Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology**  
American Speech-Language Hearing Association  
2200 Research Boulevard #310  
Rockville, MD 20850  
800-498-2071

Refer to Chapter XII.A of the CAA [Accreditation Handbook](#) (Chapter XII.A. Informing the public) for the appropriate language to use in publicizing your program's accreditation status.

Notification of Changes:

When the CAA awards an accreditation status, it does so based on the expectation that the program will continue to comply with all accreditation standards over the term of accreditation. On occasion, changes occur prior to the next regularly scheduled CAA report and require immediate notification to the CAA. These include:

1. Changes in institutional accreditation status
2. Program director changes
3. Administrative structure changes
4. Program closure

Should any of these changes occur prior to your next CAA report, please refer to the detailed information about the CAA's policies and procedures, which are available under the Public Notification section of the CAA Accreditation Manual and may be found on the CAA web site at: <http://www.asha.org/academic/accreditation/accredmanual/section2c.htm>.

Congratulations to you, the faculty, and staff in the program, as well as the administration, on this national distinction.

Sincerely,



Sue T. Hale, MCD, CCC-SLP, Chair  
Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology

cc: Dr. Michele J. Hawkins, Associate Provost  
Susan Flesher, Associate Director, Accreditation Services  
CAA Members