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Dear Dr. Grubs:

After careful review of your self-study and site visit materials, the Accreditation Council for Genetic Counseling (ACGC) is pleased to grant the Genetic Counseling Program at the University of Pittsburgh full accreditation for a period of **eight** years, the maximum time allowed for programs undergoing full accreditation for its first term under the *Standards of Accreditation for Graduate Programs in Genetic Counseling*. The ACGC Board is in agreement with the conclusions of the Site Visit Report, and appreciates the clarifications you made on the report. Overall, the University of Pittsburgh's Genetic Counseling Program has many areas of strength, as well as a few areas that could benefit from further development, as outlined in the Site Visit Report. In addition, the ACGC Board would like to encourage all genetic counseling programs to continue their individual efforts to increase diversity among students in striving to become a more diverse profession.

To maintain full accreditation, an annual *Report of Current Status* must be submitted by June 15<sup>th</sup> each year, and the annual accreditation fee must be submitted by June 15<sup>th</sup> each year; the fee for 2019 is \$4,000. Keep in mind that your next *Report* will be due June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Your next application for full accreditation will be due on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

Full accreditation will remain in effect as long as the Genetic Counseling Program at the University of Pittsburgh remains in full compliance with the *Standards of Accreditation for Graduate Programs in Genetic Counseling*.

The Board of Directors wishes to extend its congratulations on achieving full accreditation. We very much appreciate the time and energy it took to successfully submit such an outstanding self-study and to host a site visit. We also recognize and appreciate the contribution of the Genetic Counseling Program at the University of Pittsburgh as we strive together to enhance quality and professionalism in genetic counseling education.

Sincerely,

  
**Sara Meier, CAE**  
Executive Director

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