



August 31, 2023

Tessa McCarthy, PhD
Visual Impairment and Blindness Program
University of Pittsburgh

Via: tessam@pitt.edu

Dear Dr. McCarthy,

By this letter I am confirming that University of Pittsburgh, Visual Impairment Program, is engaged in a re-accreditation review for its Orientation and Mobility Program and its Teachers of the Visually Impaired Program. A panel of qualified professionals is in place. A schedule of meetings is established. Ongoing communication with the Visual Impairment Program is supporting the work of the review panel.

During the process, AER Accreditation Council maintains in good standing the accreditation of both the Orientation and Mobility Program and the Teachers of Visually Impaired Program.

Upon completion of their review the panel will produce a report which will be reviewed for any factual errors by the University whereupon the Higher Education Accreditation Commission will forward a recommendation to the AER Accreditation Council which will make the final decision.

The process should be completed sometime in the fourth quarter of this year.

Yours truly,

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AER Accreditation Program Manager

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August 31, 2018

Tessa McCarthy, PhD
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Vision Studies Program

Dear Dr. McCarthy:

Congratulations! It is with great enthusiasm that I inform you that the TVI program at the University of Pittsburgh is in full compliance with the standards set forth in the AER Higher Education Accreditation Program; and has earned the distinction “AER Accredited.” This accreditation is effective September 1, 2018; and will expire August 31, 2023 at 11:59pm Eastern.

Following this letter, AER will announce to its membership that your university has earned and been awarded this distinction. Also, please note that the university is expected to complete and submit an Annual Update Report which confirms that the university remains in compliance. The report is also used to communicate any changes in the program. A form will be submitted to you. Your first Annual Update Report will be due September 1, 2019.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Angela Smith at angela@aerbvi.org. Again, congratulations! AER is grateful for the high standards reflected in your program and fully values your commitment excellence.

Sincerely,

Lou Tutt
Executive Director

cc: William Wiener, HEAC Chair