

April 21, 2016

Dr. Michael McCue Department of Rehabilitation Science and Technology University of Pittsburgh Suite 5044 Forbes Tower Atwood and Sennott Streets Pittsburgh, PA 15260

Dear Dr. McCue:

Your current term of CORE accreditation for your Rehabilitation Counselor Education (RCE) Program expires on September 30, 2017, and, therefore, you were originally scheduled for your next full accreditation review during the 2016-2017 cycle.

Due to your program's recent dual conversion, both the CORE Board and the CACREP Board approved the extension of your program's current accreditation period to 2023. Your term of accreditation will now expire on October 31, 2023. A new Certificate of Accreditation is enclosed.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of us.

Sincerely,

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Carol L. Bobby, Ph.D. President and CEO, CACREP

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Frank Lane, Ph.D. Chief Executive Officer, CORE

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The Council on Rehabilitation Education. Inc. confers this Certificate of Accreditation to the Graduate Rehabilitation Counselor Education and the Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling Programs at

University of Pittsburgh

Rehabilitation Counseling. Further, the Commission has deemed these Programs able to maintain and enhance its level of compliance Commission on Standards and Accreditation for master's degree level Program in Rehabilitation Counselor Education and Clinical This accreditation provides evidence that the Programs comply with the educational standards established and evaluated by the through the duration of the accreditation.

RCE Period of Accreditation: October 1, 2007 through October 31, 2023 Olivical Period of Accreditation: Through October 31, 2023



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Dr. Patrick Gallagher Office of the Chancellor University of Pittsburgh CL 107 Pittsburgh 4200 Fifth Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15260

Dear Dr. Gallagher:

The Board of Directors of the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) met July 9-11, 2015, for the purpose of rendering accreditation decisions. At this meeting, the Board reviewed the application submitted by the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh to convert the Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling (M.S. degree) program to a program holding joint accreditation by CACREP and the Council on Rehabilitation Education (CORE) under the respective Clinical Mental Health Counseling and Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling Standards. Following its review of the application in relation to the requirements for Clinical Mental Health Counseling and *Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program to a Dually Accredited Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling and Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program*, the CACREP Board approved the conversion. The CACREP Board's decision was made subsequent to the correlative recommendation by the CORE Board in relation to the Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling Standards. As agreed upon by both organizations, the program is now accredited as follows:

## Clinical Mental Health Counseling and Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling (M.S. degree) Accredited through October 31, 2017

Prior to this decision the program held sole accreditation through CORE as a Rehabilitation Counseling program. In achieving the dual accreditation, this program joins a small number of other programs in holding the distinction of becoming one of the earliest programs in the country to do so. Please note that this approval of conversion was based on an abbreviated conversion review. A full review of the program will occur when the program applies for reaccreditation near the end of the current accreditation cycle.

The approval for conversion and dual accreditation is notable for an additional reason beyond this program being one of the earliest programs in the country to achieve it. Through holding this dual accreditation, program graduates, including those who graduated within the academic year prior to this decision date and who completed the curricular and clinical requirements included in this review, will be eligible for hiring in key federal programs, including the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and TRICARE, which have stipulated graduation from an accredited program as an employment criterion.

Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs ~ 1001 N. Fairfax St., Suite 510 ~ Alexandria, VA 22305 Council on Rehabilitation Education ~ 1699 Woodfield Rd, Suite 300 ~ Schaumburg, Illinois 60173 On behalf of the CACREP and CORE Boards, we would like to extend our thanks to you and your administration for the support provided to this program. Such support is considered vital to assuring continued quality in higher education programs. A certificate of accreditation will be enclosed with Dr. Brubaker's copy of this letter. Once again, congratulations are extended to all of those involved in making this a successful accreditation review process.

Sincerely,

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Carol L. Bobby, Ph.D. President and CEO, CACREP

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Enclosure

cc: Dr. Clifford E. Brubaker, Dean, School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences Dr. Michael McCue, Vice Chair, Department of Rehabilitation Science and Technology, and CACREP and CORE Liaison



Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs

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## **Certificate of Accreditation**

to the program designated below at the

## University of Pittsburgh

for successful fulfillment of the standards of the Council

For the entry-level program in

Clinical Mental Health Counseling and Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling (October 31, 2023)

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