



January 23, 2025

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Dear Dr. Hanna:

The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) is pleased to inform you of its **January 16, 2025** decision to award **continuing accreditation** to the Exercise Sciences program at Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania, Bloomsburg, PA. The next comprehensive evaluation of the program, including a site visit, is scheduled to occur no later than **2034**.

The Committee on Accreditation for the Exercise Sciences (CoAES) conducts comprehensive and annual reviews of the program's compliance with the Standards and submits recommendations regarding accreditation status to CAAHEP. CoAES monitors the program's outcomes through the program's annual report and supporting documentation (Standard IV.B.). Profession-specific CAAHEP Standards and Guidelines can be found on the website, www.caahep.org.

CAAHEP publishes the accreditation award letters and accreditation actions summaries on its website. Award letters are accessible within the individual program listings in the "Find an Accredited Program" section of the CAAHEP website. CAAHEP categorizes programs according to the profession-specific Standards and Guidelines used to evaluate the program.

The following citation(s) requires your institution's attention and resolution to demonstrate the program's compliance with the Standards. Failure to respond satisfactorily to the citation(s) below may result in a change in accreditation status.

IV.B.2. Student and Graduate Evaluation/Assessment - Outcomes Reporting

The program must periodically submit to the CoAES the program goal(s), learning domains, evaluation systems (including type, cut score, and appropriateness), outcomes, its analysis of the outcomes, and an appropriate action plan based on the analysis.

Programs not meeting the established thresholds must begin a dialogue with the CoAES to develop an appropriate plan of action to respond to the identified shortcomings.

Rationale

The established threshold is a minimum 50% return rate for the graduate survey; return rates for the past 3 years have been 44.7%, 35.6%, and 33.3% respectively.

Requested Documentation

Submit an action plan that includes:

- methods the program will use to increase return rates*
- a timeline for implementation including distribution, tracking, and follow-up*
- a copy of the survey that will be utilized by the program*

Submit documentation that the graduate survey return rate meets the threshold.

V.A.1. Fair Practices - Publications and Disclosure

Announcements, catalogs, publications, and advertising must accurately reflect the program offered.

Rationale

Program advertising and publications are unclear about required program courses and sequence for all students. The program submitted an updated four-year schedule, but it is not reflected in program publications.

Requested Documentation

Submit evidence that program announcements, catalogs, publications, and advertising reflect the updated four-year plan that outlines the appropriate course offerings and sequence for students.

CAAHEP requires that a progress report be sent **electronically to the CoAES at gcortese@coaes.org** by **March 31, 2025** with evidence that the citation(s) has been resolved.

The accreditation standards are established by CAAHEP, CoAES, American College of Sports Medicine, American Council on Exercise, American Kinesiotherapy Association, American Red Cross, Collegiate Strength & Conditioning Coaches Association, National Academy of Sports Medicine, and National Council on Strength & Fitness.

The commission recognizes your organization's commitment to continuous quality improvement in health professions education, as demonstrated by your participation in CAAHEP programmatic accreditation. Questions concerning the submission or content of the progress report should be directed to the CoAES Executive Office.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barry S. Eckert', with a stylized, cursive script.

Barry S. Eckert, Ph.D., FASAHP
President

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