

November 5, 2010

Dr. Jerry Falwell, Jr.
Chancellor/President/General Counsel
Liberty University
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Lynchburg, VA 24502

Dear Dr. Falwell:

At its October 19-22, 2010 meeting in Bethesda, Maryland, the Unit Accreditation Board of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) considered the continuing accreditation of the School of Education as the unit that oversees the professional education offerings at Liberty University. I am pleased to inform you of the Unit Accreditation Board's decision to continue the accreditation of the School of Education at Liberty University at the initial teacher preparation and advanced preparation levels. This action removes the condition from Standard 2 and returns the institution to its regular accreditation cycle. This accreditation decision indicates that the unit and its programs meet rigorous standards set forth by the professional education community. The copy of this letter sent to the head of your professional education unit includes a certificate in acknowledgement of the unit's accomplishment.

Let me take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the cooperation received from the faculty, staff, and administration at your institution. I recognize the time and effort it took to prepare for the onsite visit, and would like to thank the faculty for assisting NCATE as we continue to streamline the accreditation process through the use of technology.

Special congratulations are in order because the Unit Accreditation Board has cited no official areas for improvement relative to Standard 2. Note that any previously cited areas for improvement relative to the other standards will continue to be included on your annual report. Strengths noted in the Board of Examiners report have not been reiterated in this report, but are certainly considered part of the institution's accreditation visit record. You may use the information provided in the Board of Examiners report at your discretion.

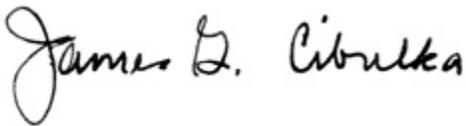
The next NCATE visit is scheduled for **Spring 2015** which is seven years after the full visit. In partnership states, the actual date of the visit must be determined jointly by the state and NCATE. In addition, your institution will be required to complete the AACTE/NCATE annual report each year during the accreditation period. You are required to report specifically on progress toward removing the areas for improvement cited. During the accreditation period, you will be expected to report evaluations and changes in relation to the six standards.

Enclosed is a copy of NCATE's Policies on Dissemination of Information, which describes the terms and dates by which your current accreditation action becomes a matter of public record and lists other parties who will be notified of accreditation action. If your state has a partnership agreement with NCATE, the state agency with program approval authority has access to these documents in NCATE's Accreditation Information Management System (AIMS).

To celebrate your accreditation, I encourage you to use the online press packet on NCATE's website. From the homepage, click on "Institutions," then "Resources," then "Press Packet" under the subhead "Celebrating Accreditation." The packet includes a sample press release announcing a school of education's accreditation status to the media, as well as samples of announcements that can be sent to P-12 schools, foundations, businesses, policymakers, and other stakeholders in your area. Other strategies are also included for garnering media attention throughout the year. In addition, because the education unit is professionally accredited, we encourage you to use the NCATE logo on print materials such as brochures and catalogs, as well as on your unit's website. The logo can be found at the link just above "Press Packet" under the subhead "Celebrating Accreditation" as noted above. The logo is a distinctive mark that demonstrates that you have met demanding national professional standards for educator preparation.

Should you have any questions regarding NCATE's action or the items reported herein, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James G. Cibulka". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

James G. Cibulka
President

Enclosures

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