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Executive Director Rayane AbuSabha, PhD, RD This letter is to advise you of the action of the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND®) Board regarding the voluntary closure of the Chandler-Gilbert Community College location of the Dietetic Technician Program Consortium. During its September 9, 2019 meeting, the ACEND Board voted to approve the location's closing plan. The location will remain accredited until August 13, 2021 at which time ACEND-accreditation will end at this location.

According to the closing plan, there are 12 students currently enrolled in the program at this location. The plan describes the schedule that will allow these students to be able to complete program requirements in order to be verified by August 13, 2021. Pending completion by this date, these students will be considered graduates of an ACEND® accredited program. However, should the institution choose to enroll students in the program after September 16, 2019, they will not be considered graduates of or eligible for a verification statement from an accredited program.

The program must submit a report annually, per ACEND policy 4.3.B, until the program closes that provides the following information:

 A description of the adequacy of resources (administrative, technical and financial support as well as physical facilities and support services) that will be available to enrolled students during the teach-out period. Susan A. Gaumont, MS, RDN September 16, 2019 Page 2 of 2

• An update on the remaining students' progression through the program that includes a list of the remaining courses each student must complete and date of expected completion.

A PDF electronic copy of the reports must be submitted via email to <u>acendreports@eatright.org</u> no later than October 1, 2020 and March 15, 2021. (Note that your program will be charged a late fee if the report is submitted after the due date.)

Until the accreditation period ends, the location must comply with all requirements for maintaining accreditation. Please refer to the *ACEND Policy & Procedure Manual*, Section 4.3 for ACEND's program closure policy. The Manual can be found on the ACEND Web page at <a href="https://www.eatrightpro.org/ACEND">www.eatrightpro.org/ACEND</a>.

If you have not done so already, verification statements must be issued to former graduates who completed the program in good standing. When the location closes, all program graduate records should be maintained in a secure location within the sponsoring organization according to institutional policy. Verification statements should be retained indefinitely.

Thank you for your contribution to dietetics education. If you have any questions, please call Jodi Wright at 800-877-1600 ext. 4737.

Sincerely,

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