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July 4, 2010

Dr. John D. Hall
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Dear Dr. Hall;

Enclosed is the report concerning the review of your specialist program by the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP). If you are in a unit accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), official transmission of the findings will be sent via NCATE to your institution.

Reviewers with training in the application of the NASP *Standards for Training and Field Placement Programs in School Psychology* evaluated your submission. The materials were carefully analyzed for evidence of program compliance with NASP standards. The NASP Program Approval Board then considered the reviewers' evaluations and comments.

It was the decision of the Program Approval Board to grant **NASP Approval-Full (National Recognition)** of your program for the period of *January 1, 2011* through *December 31, 2017*. Congratulations!

An official list of NASP-Approved Programs is published twice each year in the NASP *Communiqué* and website. Your program will be included in that list. Candidates who graduate from your program while it holds NASP-approved status are automatically eligible for the National Certificate in School Psychology (NCSP), pending the attainment of a passing score on the Praxis II Examination in School Psychology and documentation of an internship consistent with NASP standards.

Your next submission for NASP approval will be due by the deadline for the fall review cycle of the year in which your approval expires, although you are encouraged to consider submission for the spring review cycle of that year. A full submission will be required for your next program review, according to the instructions

and deadlines located on the NASP website at http://nasponline.org/standards/approvedtraining/training_program.aspx

As you know, NASP changed its submission process for program approval, according to NCATE requirements that all programs must use a standard online template. Your next submission for NASP approval will continue to require that you use the online process. We encourage you to visit our website often to review any updates about the online submission requirements, as well as procedures for program assessment of candidates and other program activities that will be needed for an online submission. In addition, we encourage you to visit the NCATE website for additional support materials. New to the NCATE website is a library with sample assessments for all of the NASP required assessments. Visit <http://www.ncate.org/institutions/assessmentLibrary.asp?ch=90> and select NASP in the drop-down menu next to SPA. We hope you find this new resource helpful.

The *NASP Standards for the Graduate Preparation of School Psychologists* were adopted at the 2010 convention and are scheduled for approval by the NCATE SASB at the October 2010 meeting. Your next NASP program review may require that you provide evidence that your program meets the 2010 NASP standards. In the next year, we encourage you to check our website often for information concerning the 2010 NASP standards, so that you may begin any needed program modifications to meet the 2010 standards.

We encourage program coordinators to provide clear and accurate information to current and prospective graduate candidates, faculty, college or university administrators, and the public (e.g., in brochures, on program websites) about the NASP-approved status of a program and the time period that a program will hold its NASP-approved status before its next review by NASP.

On behalf of the Program Approval Board, and the National Association of School Psychologists, I wish to congratulate you and your colleagues on your efforts to develop a strong program. We hope the information we have provided will be of assistance in your continuing efforts to advance your program. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Eneida García Vázquez, PhD
Chair, NASP Program Approval Board

cc: NASP Program Approval Board
NASP Director for Professional Standards
NCATE



National Association of School Psychologists Grants NASP Program Approval

To

Arkansas State University

Conditional Approval

For the Period: 2009–2010

For Its

School Psychology Program at the

Specialist Level

NASP, as a specialized professional association (SPA) of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) conducts program reviews as a part of the NCATE unit accreditation process. NASP does not accredit school psychology programs, but identifies approved programs. NCATE accredits units, not programs, but provides "national recognition" status (full or with conditions) to NASP-approved programs in NCATE-accredited units. To provide all school psychology programs with access to the NASP review process and potentially to national approval/national recognition, NASP also conducts reviews of school psychology programs that are not in NCATE units and that submit materials for review by NASP on a voluntary basis.