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Dear Ms. Siu-Chan:

This letter is to advise you of the action of the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND®) Board regarding the Dietetic Internship at San Francisco State University. During its July 24-26, 2019 meeting, the ACEND Board voted to continue full accreditation of your program for a term of seven years ending **December 31, 2026**. Accreditation is granted for a non-degree Dietetic Internship enrolling 14 full-time interns annually with a Medical Nutrition Therapy concentration.

The decision was based on a peer review of your self-study report addressing the 2017 Accreditation Standards, site visit report, and your program's response. The Board requests an interim report to monitor continued compliance with the following Standards.

Standard 6: Student Learning Outcomes Assessment and Curriculum Improvement, Required Element 6.1

Although the program provided a revised Student Learning Outcomes (SLO) Assessment Plan, several of the learning objectives do not provide target measures that indicate competence is achieved. For example, the learning objective for CRDN 2.4 is 100% of interns will participate in the Interprofessional Standardized Patient Exercise at UCSF and will submit a self-assessment of experience. Submission of a self-assessment does not in itself indicate competence. There must be some method of measuring whether the intern attains competence. The program must review, revise and/or include targets associated with all learning activities to ensure that they measure attainment of competence and not just participation, and submit a revised SLO Assessment Plan.

Standard 7: Faculty and Preceptors, Required Element 7.3

While the site visit report narrative indicated that there was no formal training for preceptors, the program's response included the information that the program director intends to provide to all new faculty and preceptors moving forward. The program must provide evidence that formal training has begun for new faculty and preceptors.

A PDF electronic copy of the report must be submitted via email to acendreports@eatright.org no later than **October 1, 2019**. (Note that your program will be charged a late fee if the report is submitted after the due date.)

The next accreditation review of your program by the ACEND Board will be in **2026**. You will receive correspondence at least one year in advance of the site visit, which will be scheduled in **August - December 2025**, inviting you to apply for full accreditation under the Accreditation Standards in effect at that time.

If you wish to propose a major change to the program, you must submit it in writing to ACEND for review prior to implementation. The ACEND Board maintains the right to require an interim report, self-study report, and/or site visit as a result of any changes. Guidelines for requesting major changes are posted on the ACEND Web site here: [Major Program Change Guidelines](#)

ACEND values your commitment to the quality and continued improvement of dietetics education as demonstrated during the accreditation process. In this spirit, the ACEND Board commends your interns and program for its 100% pass rate. Thank you for your support of dietetics education and students. If you have any questions, please call ACEND staff at 800-877-1600 x5400.

Sincerely,



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