

November 6, 2009

Dr. H. Jack Lassiter  
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Dear Dr. Lassiter:

At its October 19-23, 2009 meeting in Bethesda, Maryland, the Unit Accreditation Board of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) considered the application for continuing accreditation of the School of Education as the unit that oversees the professional education offerings at the University of Arkansas at Monticello. I am pleased to inform you of the Unit Accreditation Board's decision to continue the accreditation of the School of Education at the University of Arkansas at Monticello at the initial teacher preparation and advanced preparation levels. 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.

Strengths noted in the Board of Examiners report have not been reiterated 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. Any areas for improvement that have been cited are listed in the enclosed accreditation action report.

The next NCATE visit is scheduled for **Fall 2015**. You will begin to receive materials for that visit approximately two years prior to the 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 Parts A, B, and C of the AACTE/NCATE annual report each year during the accreditation period, except during the calendar year of an accreditation visit. You are required to report specifically on progress in the areas for improvement cited. During the accreditation period, you will be expected to report evaluations and changes in relation to the six standards.

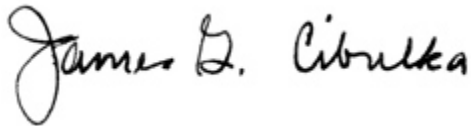
Enclosed is a copy of NCATE's Policies on Dissemination of Information, which describe the terms and dates by which your current accreditation action becomes a matter of public record and lists other parties who will be notified of accreditation action. If your state has a partnership agreement with NCATE, the state agency with program approval authority receives a copy of this letter.

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 you are professionally accredited, we encourage you to use the NCATE logo on print materials such as brochures and catalogs, as well as on your school of education's website. (The logo can be found at the link just above "Press Packet" under the subhead "Celebrating Accreditation" as noted above.) It is a distinctive mark which demonstrates that you have met demanding national professional standards for educator preparation. Congratulations!

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, flowing style.

James G. Cibulka  
President

Enclosures

cc: Dr. Peggy M. Doss, School of Education  
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