

Dr. Suzanne Shipley, President
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Dear Dr. Shipley:

I am writing to report that the Council on Accreditation of Parks, Recreation, Tourism, and Related Professions (COAPRT), at its meeting on October 13, 2014 in Charlotte, NC approved the initial accreditation of the Shepherd University - Department of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Sports - Recreation and Leisure Studies Program until 2021 with the requirement of additional information and/or minor revisions.

The Council approved the following commendations:

- Shepherd University's commitment to academic excellence as evidenced by seeking initial accreditation
- Exemplary student involvement in professional organizations (Standard 5.06)

The Council also approved the following recommendations:

- The academic unit should continue to work with the institution to improve its instructional areas, library resources and computer labs, seeking additional funding to improve these areas. (Standards 6.04, 6.07, 6.08)

Additionally, the Council requires the following information and/or minor revisions to be sent electronically to COAPRT@nrpa.org:

- The program will provide a document listing milestones and dates of progression for current department chair to become tenured and promoted to associate professor by AY 16-17. Evidence of compliance shall be provided to Council no later than February 1, 2015. (Standard 3.02)

Your institution's accreditation by the COAPRT is valid until the program's next review in the fall of 2021. The program should expect an onsite visit anytime between August – December, 2020. To maintain accreditation, the institution must also comply with the Council's requirements for timely submission of annual reports and fees.

The Council is pleased to maintain Shepherd University - Department of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Sports - Recreation and Leisure Studies Program on the list of accredited institutions. Congratulations!

Sincerely,



Brenda B. Beales
Awards and Accreditation Manager

cc: Dr. Greg Place
Dr. Stacey Kendig