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Dear Ms. Cashman:

This letter is to advise you of the action of the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education board regarding the Dietetic Internship at Central Washington University. During its July 23-24, 2009 meeting, the CADE board voted to grant continued accreditation of the Program. Accreditation is granted for a non-degree Dietetic Internship enrolling 10 full-time interns annually and a Community Nutrition emphasis.

The decision was based upon a peer review of the self-study application addressing the 2008 Eligibility Requirements and Accreditation Standards (ERAS), the site visit report and program's response to the site visit report. An interim report to monitor continued compliance with the following Standard is requested. Three copies of the report must be submitted postmarked no later than **October 1, 2009**. In addition, please provide the report in electronic format either via email or included with the paper copies on a CD ROM or flash drive.

*Standard Three: Program Management*

*Criterion 3.6.2.2*

In the response, the program provided revised Web site pages. The Web site pages include a description of the credentialing process to become a registered dietitian as follows: Preparation to write the registration examination of the ADA. However, a clearer explanation of the credentialing process is required and should specifically address that graduates are eligible to take the examination to become a Registered Dietitian that is administered by the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR).

CADE values the commitment to the quality and continued improvement of dietetics education demonstrated by the Dietetic Internship during the accreditation process. In this spirit, the next review of the program will be in **2014**, the five-year interval of the ten-year accreditation period, when the Program Assessment Report (PAR) is due. The PAR documents the comprehensive evaluation of the accredited program that has occurred during the previous five years. Maintenance of the program's accreditation status is dependent on the CADE board's acceptance of the PAR, which reaffirms continuation of the accreditation status of the program for the next five years. Approximately one year prior to the PAR submission date, the CADE staff will notify the Program and provide further information. Subsequent to the PAR, the next self-study and site visit for continued accreditation will be scheduled for **2019** concurrently with the Didactic Program in Dietetics.

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In the meantime, if major changes occur in the Program, you must submit the changes in writing to CADE for review prior to implementation. The CADE board maintains the right to require an interim report, self-study, and/or site visit as a result of these changes. Guidelines for reporting major changes are on the ADA/CADE Website at [www.eatright.org/cade](http://www.eatright.org/cade) under Resources.

Thank you for your interest in and support of dietetics education and students. If there are any questions, please call the CADE staff at 800-877-1600 ext. 5400.

Sincerely,



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Chair  
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