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ACOTE's Disclosure Statement regarding Probationary Accreditation Action:

The occupational therapy program at **Tuskegee University**, Tuskegee, Alabama, was placed on Probationary Accreditation effective December 3, 2010, for failure to comply with 2006 OT Master's-Level Standards A.5.1; A.5.3; A.5.4; A.5.5; A.5.6; B.10.1; B.10.5; B.10.17; and B.10.19. It was noted that the program had been found in noncompliance with Standard A.5.4 (certification exam pass rates) since August 2009. The program was requested to submit a Plan of Correction and a Progress Report to return the program to full compliance with the Standards within the mandated time period for correction.

At its April 2011 meeting, ACOTE reviewed the Plan of Correction and Progress Report submitted by the occupational therapy program and determined that the program had returned to compliance with 2006 OT Master's-Level Standard A.5.1 (strategic plan) and Standard B.10.19 (guidelines for fieldwork supervision). However, the program remained in noncompliance with 2006 OT Master's-Level Standards A.5.3 and A.5.5 (analysis of program evaluation data); Standard A.5.4 (certification exam pass rates); Standard A.5.6 (use of the results of ongoing evaluation); Standard B.10.1 (fieldwork site selection); Standard B.10.5 (fieldwork collaboration); and Standard B.10.17 (documentation of the qualifications of fieldwork educators).

At its August 2011 meeting, ACOTE reviewed the Progress Report submitted by the occupational therapy program and determined that the program had returned to compliance with 2006 OT Master's-Level Standard B.10.1 (fieldwork site selection); Standard B.10.5 (fieldwork collaboration); and Standard B.10.17 (documentation of the qualifications of fieldwork educators). However, the program remained in noncompliance with 2006 OT Master's-Level Standards A.5.3 and A.5.5 (analysis of program evaluation data); Standard A.5.4 (certification exam pass rates); and Standard A.5.6 (use of the results of ongoing evaluation).

At its April 2012 meeting, ACOTE reviewed the Progress Report submitted by the occupational therapy program and determined that the program had returned to compliance with 2006 OT Master's-Level Standards A.5.3 and A.5.5 (analysis of program evaluation data). However, the program remained in noncompliance with 2006 OT Master's-Level Standard A.5.4 (certification exam pass rates) and Standard A.5.6 (use of the results of ongoing evaluation).

At its August and December 2012 meetings, ACOTE reviewed the Progress Report submitted by the occupational therapy program and determined that the program remained in noncompliance with 2006 OT Master's-Level Standard A.5.4 (certification exam pass rates) and Standard A.5.6 (use of the results of ongoing evaluation).

At its August 2013 meeting, ACOTE reviewed the Progress Report submitted by the occupational therapy program and determined that the program remains in noncompliance with 2011 OT Master's-Level Standard A.5.5 (use of the results of ongoing evaluation). Due to the implementation of the 2011 ACOTE Standards, the area of noncompliance related to 2006 OT Master's-Level Standard A.5.4 (certification exam pass rates) was removed. However, given the program's continued noncompliance with Standard A.5.5, ACOTE voted that the program status remains Probationary Accreditation. ACOTE also has grave concerns about the current first-time test taker pass rate of 36% (for 2008-2012) and the program's ability to comply with the 80% pass rate requirements of 2011 OT Master's-Level Standard A.5.6.

The program has been requested to submit a Progress Report to return the program to full compliance with the Standards within the mandated time period for correction.

Tuskegee University reviewed the above statement and had the opportunity to add comment prior to public posting.