



Accreditation Review Commission on Education
for the Physician Assistant, Inc.

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Dear Dr. Bradley:

The **Indiana State University Physician Assistant Program** has been granted **Accreditation-Continued** status by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA). This decision is based on the program reports, findings of the probation visit and the program's accreditation history.

The ARC-PA noted **zero (0)** areas of noncompliance with the *Standards*. While the commission is not requesting any further information at this time, the commission will pay close attention to the self-study report that the program will be required to submit several years prior to its next validation visit.

Included with this letter is correspondence to provide you with comments to consider in the preparation of the SSR you will submit. The program should not prepare any formal response to this review for submission to the ARC-PA.

The feedback provided, based on the review of the modified SSR submitted March 31, 2017, does not address the quality of the document in its entirety and is not intended to provide consultation. It does not imply compliance or noncompliance with the *Standards* and is not used as a component of the application materials you will be submitting in the future. Additionally, areas that have not received any commentary still need to be considered by the program for analysis based on data collected and program outcomes. As always, the commission expects the program to apply the four key elements of analysis within a robust process of ongoing self-assessment.

Additionally, in reviewing the information on the program's website and in the ARC-PA Program Management Portal prior to the commission meeting, the ARC-PA noted that the **PANCE pass rate data** as identified on the web was inconsistent with that entered in the Student Tab of the program's Portal.

Collaborating Organizations: American Academy of Family Physicians • American Academy of Pediatrics • American Academy of Physician Assistants • American College of Physicians • American College of Surgeons • American Medical Association • Physician Assistant Education Association

Member: Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors (ASPA)

Recognized by: Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA)

The program must update the website so that both it and the program portal accurately reflect the most recent graduate performance on the PANCE no later than **October 25, 2017** and notify the ARC-PA of the update via email to accreditationservices@arc-pa.org.

The ARC-PA has extended the time between regularly scheduled validation reviews from seven to ten years. The date for the next validation review of the program by the ARC-PA will be **September 2023**. The review date is contingent upon continued compliance with the *Standards* and ARC-PA policy. The ARC-PA reserves the right to adjust the date or schedule.

The next validation review, although ten years out, is not carte blanche but comes with accreditation requirements along the way, including periodic compliance reporting to the ARC-PA and the submission of an SSR several years in advance of the validation visit. Failure to remain in compliance with the *Standards* at any time may be cause for an adverse accreditation action to be taken by the commission.

The program will be contacted by the ARC-PA in advance of the validation visit review regarding details of the SSR, application and site visit.

Please note that the approved maximum entering class size remains **30**. The program is not to exceed that maximum entering class size number for any reason during its next and subsequent admission cycles without prior approval from the ARC-PA for a class size increase.

When eligible to apply for an increase in class size, the program may request consideration for an incremental increase in maximum entering class size to span up to a four-year period of entering classes. If such a request is approved by the commission, the commission will not consider an application to increase class size for four years after the most recent increase, and unless the program has maintained Accreditation-Continued status without an adverse accreditation action throughout the entire period.

The ARC-PA will not consider an application for expansion to a distant campus from a program holding the status of Accreditation-Continued until the program has maintained five consecutive years of that status. A program must have outcomes from the first cohort of students at any distant campus before applying to expand to another distant campus.

To communicate the program's accreditation status in all printed and electronic media, the program and institution must use the following statement **exactly** as written. Any accreditation statements used in the past must be replaced with this language.

The Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) has granted **Accreditation-Continued** status to the **Indiana State University Physician Assistant Program** sponsored by **Indiana State University**. Accreditation-Continued is an accreditation status granted when a currently accredited program is in compliance with the ARC-PA *Standards*.

Accreditation remains in effect until the program closes or withdraws from the accreditation process or until accreditation is withdrawn for failure to comply with the *Standards*. The approximate date for the next validation review of the program by the ARC-PA will be **September 2023**. The review date is contingent upon continued compliance with the Accreditation *Standards* and ARC-PA policy.

Any program with a PANCE pass rate percentage of 85% or less for its 2017 cohort must submit an analysis of its PANCE performance to the ARC-PA by July 1, 2018. The form for reporting PANCE results is available at <http://www.arc-pa.org/accreditation/resources/program-change-forms/>.

The ARC-PA reminds the program of helpful resources on our website including the *Data Analysis Resource* and *Notes to Programs SSR Edition*, available at:

<http://arc-pa.org/documents/Data%20Analysis%20Resource%20for%20Programs%20May%202015.pdf>

and

<http://www.arc-pa.org/accreditation/resources/notes-and-portal-updates/>.

The ARC-PA appreciates the commitment and dedication to quality PA education demonstrated by your participation in the accreditation process. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



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