Dear Ms. Shepherd:

This letter is to advise you of the action of the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND®) board regarding the Didactic Program in Dietetics at College of Saint Benedict/Saint John’s University. During its January 25-27, 2017 meeting, the ACEND board voted to continue full accreditation of your program for a term of seven years ending June 30, 2024. Accreditation is granted for a Didactic Program in Dietetics at the baccalaureate level for a maximum enrollment of 35 third- and 35 fourth-year students.

The decision was based on a peer review of your self-study report addressing the 2012 Accreditation Standards, site visit report and your program’s response. ACEND recognizes your program’s compliance with the 2012 Accreditation Standards and encourages you to continue your efforts in providing quality dietetics education.

Note that the 2017 ACEND Accreditation Standards will become effective June 1, 2017. It is expected that you will make any modifications necessary to your program to come into compliance with the 2017 Standards by June 1, 2017. To view the 2017 Accreditation Standards visit www.eatrightpro.org/acend.

The next accreditation review of your program by the ACEND board will be in 2024. You will receive correspondence at least one year in advance of the site visit, which will be scheduled in April to May 2023, inviting you to apply for full accreditation under the Accreditation Standards in effect at that time.

If you wish to propose a major change to the program, you must submit it in writing to ACEND for review prior to implementation. The ACEND board maintains the right to require an interim report, self-study report and/or site visit as a result of any changes. Guidelines for requesting major changes are on the ACEND Accreditation Community of the ACEND Portal which can be accessed at http://education.webauthor.com.
ACEND values your commitment to the quality and continued improvement of dietetics education as demonstrated during the accreditation process. In this spirit, the ACEND board commends your students and program for its 96% pass rate. Thank you for your support of dietetics education and students. If you have any questions, please call ACEND staff at 800-877-1600 x5400.

Sincerely,

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