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.5.5; A.5.6; B.10.1; B.10.5; B.10.17; and B.10.19. 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.5.6 (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); 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 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 Standard A.5.6 (use of the results of ongoing evaluation). At these meetings, the Council also noted persistent concerns that the certification exam pass rate for graduates of the program (both bachelors and masters graduates) has been significantly below 70% for first-time new graduate test takers since 2009.

The program was last considered by the Council at its meeting in April 2013, at which time ACOTE cited an area of noncompliance related to 2006 OT Master's-Level Standard A.5.4 (certification exam pass rates). The program's status remains Probationary Accreditation due to continued concerns about the program's ability to return the program to compliance with the Standards related to certification exam pass rates and ongoing program evaluation within the allowable time period. The program has been requested to submit a Progress Report which demonstrates that the program will return to full compliance with these Standards within the mandated time period for correction.

Tuskegee University reviewed the above statement prior to public posting.