

December 20, 2016

Michael Muurders, EdD, Chief Academic Officer
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Dear President Muurders:

The Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM) is pleased to inform you of its vote on **December 14, 2016** to award **Initial Accreditation to the Health Information Management Associate Degree Program at Arkansas Tech Ozark.**

The comprehensive review conducted by the Health Information Management Accreditation Council and the CAHIIM Board of Directors recognizes the program's substantial compliance with the nationally established *CAHIIM Accreditation Standards*.

Progress Report Requirement: In order to maintain accreditation status the program must submit a progress report that satisfies the remaining Standard deficiencies that resulted from the review process.

The attached Board Report reflects the current Not Met or Partial Met *Standard* deficiencies that require the institution's attention and provides guidelines for resolution in order to achieve full compliance for the program. The following *Standards* are Partially Met: #24 – Curriculum; #26 – Curriculum Syllabi and Competencies; #27 – Curriculum Evaluation.

CAHIIM requests that a **Progress Report** be completed by **June 20, 2017** that documents the manner in which this deficiency has been resolved and includes evidence of implementation. The program director will continue to submit this information in the CAHIIM Accreditation System. Failure to submit this report by the due date may place the program on Administrative Probationary Accreditation. An unsatisfactory progress report or a Substantive Change in Program Director during the progress report process may result in a Focused Review of the program.

The program will continue to participate and submit annually, outcomes information using the *CAHIIM Annual Program Assessment Report (APAR)* process. The program is invoiced for the Annual Accreditation Fee for 2017. The invoice is appended to this letter.

The Commission recognizes you and your colleagues for your commitment to continuous quality improvement in higher education, as demonstrated by your participation in programmatic accreditation.

Sincerely,



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Encl: Initial Accreditation Award Certificate

