Professional Certification for Hospitality Educator (CHE)

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The hospitality industry is has constantly changed and rapidly evolved. Today's knowledge and skills are soon to be obsolete. Keeping pace with these changes and improving me knowledge and teaching skills are key components of becoming a good teacher. Earning the award-winning Certified Hospitality Education (CHE) designation, the only professional development program that ensure instant international recognition and bridge the gap industry and academia, will enable me to accomplish this goal.

After my proposal was accepted for the Professional Development Grants in June, 2007, I was able to attend the three-day workshop held in Courtyard Marriott-Dallas, Texas from July 22nd to July 24th, 2007. The workshop led me systematically from creating the syllabus, training tools and techniques to the final valuation as well as learning the Bloom's Levels of learning and the Interactive Methods of teaching. At the end of the workshop I took a comprehensive examination and passed the exam (see a attached letter), which led me to submit a video type of a 50-minute presentation that I gave in a live classroom on the 4th of September, 2007. The class presentation should incorporate the principles and format I learned in the CHE program. My self-study materials and assignments, my participation in workshop discussion, the results of my written comprehensive exam, and my videotaped post-workshop classroom presentation were evaluated for the CHE designation. On September 25, 2007, Educational Institute of American Hotel & Lodging Association informed me that I met all the standards for the Certified Hospitality Educator and completed all of the program requirements (their two letters about this certification process are attached). I have earned my Certified Hospitality Educator designation.

What I learned from the CHE program is that I was able to enhance the latest high-impact instructional methods and network professionals. Specifically, the CHE program gave me great

knowledge and skills to strengthen students' critical thinking and motivation to learn. The certification also demonstrated my lifelong learning philosophy and constant efforts to improve my quality of teaching. I believe that the CHE tells hospitality professionals all over the world that I have a high degree of knowledge of the hospitality field. Moreover, the CHE is not only an honor but also a living designation that will accompany me on my quest for excellence in teaching. Being a good teacher is not easy, but I am committed to this goal. Finally, my first step to earn the CHE is done and now I will move on the next step to achieve the high standard of teaching and services that I learned from the CHE program.