



Committee on Accreditation  
of Educational Programs for the EMS Professions

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Dear Mr. Grunow,

The Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP) would like to thank the EMS Professions Program sponsored by Weber State University, Ogden, Utah, for hosting an on-site visit October 27-28, 2011, with Mr. Jeff McDonald and Mr. John Cook. This letter is a compilation of the site visit findings and a review of the documentation submitted prior to the site visit, and may have additions, deletions, or modifications from the Site Visit Report.

Please review this letter to either:

1. Confirm the factual accuracy of the report and agree with the content -or-
2. Identify specific factual errors at the time of site visit and submit documentation to support your position.

Your response of either #1 or #2 above must be sent electronically by email to [jennifer@coaemsp.org](mailto:jennifer@coaemsp.org) within **14 calendar days**, which is not later than **December 2, 2011 as a single, complete pdf document in the format specified (see attached)**.

In addition, you may submit **new** information documenting corrective actions taken by the program following the site visit. If you choose to submit any new documentation, send it electronically by email to [karen@coaemsp.org](mailto:karen@coaemsp.org) on or before **March 1, 2012 as a single, complete pdf document in the format specified (see attached)**. The Committee will evaluate the Program's response at its **May 2012** meeting.

The program exhibits strengths in the following areas:

- The Program has great facilities and equipment.
- Faculty and staff are dedicated to student success and go above and beyond to achieve great outcomes.
- Excited and enthusiastic advisory committee.
- Awesome distance program that meets the needs of students in neighboring states and utilizes state of the art technology.
- Seasoned, dedicated, and enthusiastic Program Director.
- Field and clinical sites are solid, welcoming and focused on student success.

- Excellent clerical support in Robbyn Dunn.
- Current students and graduates report that this is the best program in the state of Utah and would not have chosen another program. This is a testament to the programs dedication to success and the students' motivation to succeed.

The following were identified by the site visit team as potential *Standards* violations. You may submit new information documenting corrective actions taken by the program following the site visit:

- None.

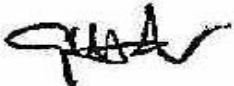
The following points are comments provided by the site visitors. They do not currently reflect violations of the *Standards*, but consideration by the CoAEMSP may result in additions, deletions, or modifications:

- Program does send graduate and employer surveys; however, the return of the surveys has been problematic. Program has a plan in place to overcome this challenge and is also charged with meeting new Regional Accreditation requirements on an institution basis. Program will be phoning graduates and employers of the last class to report a positive threshold on this year's annual report.
- It is evident that with continued program growth a clinical director is going to be needed to decompress the Program Director responsibilities.
- This Program has a solid Associates degree program. It may be beneficial to explore a Bachelor's component for added professional and community of interest growth.

The Program will be on the agenda of the CoAEMSP May 4, 2012, meeting. At that time, CoAEMSP will consider the entire accreditation record compiled during this comprehensive review to assess the program's compliance with the *Standards*. CoAEMSP will formulate an accreditation recommendation to the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP). After CAAHEP acts on the recommendation, CAAHEP will send the Program a letter containing its action taken, Standards citations, if any, and the due date for a Progress Report to CoAEMSP, if applicable.

Thank you for participating in the accreditation process and the program's commitment to continuous quality improvement in education. If you have questions or comments, contact the CoAEMSP Executive Office.

Sincerely,



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Encl: Site Visit Report  
Factual Accuracy Confirmation form

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