**AUTHORIZATION FOR ACCREDITATION APPLICATION EVALUATION OF**

**GRADUATE EDUCATION PROGRAM(S) IN**

**AUDIOLOGY AND/OR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY**

**BY THE**

**COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC ACCREDITATION IN AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY**

The institution named below desires that its graduate education program leading to a master’s degree in speech-language pathology or a clinical doctoral degree in audiology be accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) and hereby applies for an evaluation of this graduate education program. It is understood that the evaluation will be conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in the most recent CAA *Accreditation Handbook*. The institution agrees to cooperate fully in the evaluation procedures therein described; including furnishing such written information to the CAA as shall be required for the evaluation and arranging of a site visit to the education program. It is understood that any information submitted for the purposes of this evaluation shall be used to determine compliance with CAA Standards; furthermore, non-identifying program data may be analyzed and published in the aggregate in order to further the purpose of the CAA, which is to assure quality in preparation of students in audiology and speech-language pathology to serve the professions and the public.

The institution of higher education verifies that it has conducted a comprehensive self-analysis that demonstrates how the program has met each of the accreditation standards. The results of this analysis must be documented in the application for (re)accreditation.

This application may be withdrawn by the program at any time for any reason without prejudice before final action by the CAA.

**Accreditation Fees**

Initial Accreditation: The institution agrees to pay the following costs of evaluation for the initial application:

1. a nonrefundable application fee, payment of which accompanies this application, and
2. an initial site visit fee payable when invoiced at the time the site visit is confirmed, and
3. an annual accreditation fee due each year that the program holds an accreditation status.

Re-accreditation: The institution agrees to pay the following costs of evaluation for the re-accreditation application:

1. an annual accreditation fee, which includes subsequent re-accreditation application fees and normal site visit expenses, due each year that the program is accredited. The program will be invoiced separately for its annual fee.

**Adherence to Nondiscrimination Laws**

The administrative policies of the institution of higher education and the graduate education program comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and executive orders prohibiting discrimination towards students, faculty, staff, and persons served in the program’s clinics. This includes prohibitions on discrimination based on any category prohibited by applicable law including but not limited to age, citizenship, disability, ethnicity, gender identity, genetic information, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, and veteran status.

Furthermore, the program adheres to its institution’s policies and procedures to ensure compliance with all nondiscrimination statutes, including non-harassment policies, internal complaint procedures, and appropriate educational programs to ensure that all staff and faculty are made aware of the policies and the conduct they prohibit.

The signatures of the President of the institution, or designee, and the Program Director attest to adherence of the conditions stipulated in this document.

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| Name of Institution of Higher Education: |  |
| Address of Institution: |  |
| Phone Number: |  |
| President/Designee Signature: |  | Date: |  |
| President/Designee Name : |  | Title: |  |
| Program Director Signature: |  | Date: |  |
| Program Director Name: |  | Title: |  |