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June 13, 2009

Dr. Jennifer L. Braaten, President  
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Dear Dr. Braaten:

At its June 2009 meeting, the Commission on Accreditation (COA) reviewed the *Self-Study*, the COA Letter of Instructions, the *Site Visit Report*, and the program's response to the *Report* as the reaffirmation application for the baccalaureate social work program at Ferrum College. The COA voted to reaffirm the program's accreditation for eight years, ending June 2017.

Up to date information regarding reaffirmation, including timetables and fees, is available on the Council on Social Work Education Web site ([www.cswe.org/reaffirmation](http://www.cswe.org/reaffirmation)). Please be in touch with Dr. Judith Bremner, Accreditation

Please be in touch with Dr. Judith Bremner, Accreditation Specialist in the Office of Social Work Accreditation and Educational Excellence, if there are any questions about this letter or the procedures and actions of the Commission on Accreditation.

Sincerely,

Wynne Sandra Korr, Ph.D., Chair  
Commission on Accreditation

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CC: Professor Jennie Beth West, Coordinator  
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December 12, 2014

President Jennifer L. Braaten  
Ferrum College  
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Dear President Braaten:

The *Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia* (8VAC20-542-10 et seq.), effective September 21, 2007, and amended January 19, 2011, set forth the options for the accreditation of professional education programs at Virginia institutions of higher education. Ferrum College requested accreditation through the Board of Education approved process.

On November 20, 2014, the Virginia Board of Education approved the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure's recommendation that the teacher education program at Ferrum College be "accredited," indicating that the program has met the standards as set forth in 8VAC20-542-60 of the *Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia*.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the teacher preparation program. Please convey my appreciation to the faculty, staff, and students in the Education Department for their commitment to ensuring a high quality professional education program. If you have questions regarding the Board's decision, please contact Mrs. Patty S. Pitts, assistant superintendent, Division of Teacher Education and Licensure, at (804) 371-2522 or [Patty.Pitts@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Patty.Pitts@doe.virginia.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. R. Staples".

Steven R. Staples

SRS/psp

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