Karen Egness, MA, LMHC
President
American Association of State Counseling Boards (AASCB)
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Re: AASCB Letter on Educational Requirements

April 11, 2016

Dear Karen Egness,

As the counseling profession continues to work and evolve into a more unified field, attending to events that have an effect on educational requirements is important for unification efforts to be effective.

The Board of the National Council on Rehabilitation Education (NCRE) endorses American Association of State Counseling Boards (AASCB) statement in relation to the role that Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) will have in the formation of counselors and counselor educators as a result of the CORE/CACREP merger.

The NCRE Board also wants to recognize the contributions of rehabilitation counseling to these unification efforts. In addition, we want to acknowledge the available leadership committed to the preparation of future counselors guided by standards able to address the needs of individuals with disabilities across counseling specialties.

To this end, the NCRE leadership is committed to collaborate and make available the expertise of our field as all the merger activities take place and its outcomes are reflected at the professional, state, and federal levels.
As the organization is invested in the interests of rehabilitation counselor education programs, NCRE believes that we can advance the counseling field while keeping alive the traditions of our many specialties.

Respectfully;

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President, National Council on Rehabilitation Education

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