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Persons with Disabilities through Education and Research”*

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## RE: NCRE’s Position on CORE and CACREP Merger Resolution

On July 20, 2015, the counseling profession achieved an important milestone in unifying its voice on behalf of those who seek counseling services in order to improve the quality of their life. As faculty and students begin studying the implications of the CORE and CACREP historic merger, so, too, is NCRE. Clearly the merger will take place, and the newly constituted accrediting body will guide the future course of counselor education in all of its specializations. It is our belief that we can proceed along this course to retain and strengthen the important traditions, knowledge and competencies that have characterized traditional rehabilitation counseling within this new structure. In order to achieve this result, we must find ways to exert positive, collaborative leadership as CORE and CACREP join together.

As the main organization representing rehabilitation counselor educators and the interests of students and academic programs, the NCRE Executive Board is committed to advocating on behalf of its constituents and engaging in consultation and collaboration during the implementation of the CORE/CACREP merger. NCRE’s mission remains the improvement of quality services to persons with disabilities through graduate and undergraduate education and research implementation. As the NCRE Executive Board makes decisions and actions, it is our goal to inform and receive input from all our membership, including students, throughout the merger process.

It is our belief that the merging of CORE and CACREP represents an opportunity to grow and diversify our strong NCRE family. Over the next few months we will be

engaged in conversations determining how NCRE can best serve its membership. At the Fall 2015 conference in Washington DC, the NCRE board will meet with both CORE and CACREP leadership to determine how we can work together to facilitate a positive and constructive merger process. We will also be facilitating a Town Hall Meeting so the NCRE membership has an opportunity to ask questions regarding the merger. NCRE hopes that these events will allow members to be a part of important open discussions, as well as facilitate NCRE's potential to increase our exposure and leadership as this merger proceeds.

The NCRE Board does understand that our membership has diverse opinions and questions regarding the CORE/CACREP merger. It is our intention to listen to all points of view and move forward in a constructive manner. We expect to remain the "Gold Standard" organization for educators and students.

As we all move forward, it is of utmost importance that we act upon those ties that bind us together within the counseling profession, so that together, we can continue to improve the quality of supports and services available to individuals with chronic illnesses and disabilities through quality education and research.

With great respect,



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