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Via: FMD22@Pitt.edu

Dear FM,

I am pleased to inform you that the **Orientation and Mobility program** and the Teachers of the Visually Impaired program at University of Pittsburgh is in full compliance with the standards set forth in the AER Accreditation Program and has earned the distinction of being AER Accredited. This approval for both programs is effective July 18, 2024 and will expire July 31, 2029 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern.

The AER website will display both programs here: <https://www.aerbvi.org/personnel-preparation> which also is the location for the AER Accreditation Council's decision summary.

Please note that the program is required to complete and submit an Annual Program Report which confirms that the program remains in compliance. The report is also used to communicate any changes in the program. Your first Annual Update Report will be due in March, 2025, with specific references to progress on the recommendations in the Review Panel Report.

You may wish to review the form since it has been revised significantly in accordance with CHEA standards (CHEA.org). You can download the form here: <https://www.aerbvi.org/higher-education-colleges-and-universities->



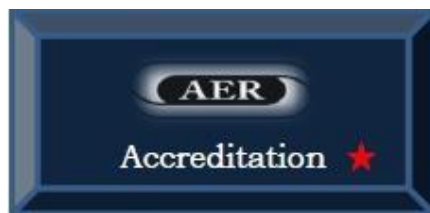
Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Elly du Pré at Elly@aerbvi.org. Again, congratulations! AER is grateful for the high standards reflected in your program and fully values your commitment to the field.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elly du Pré".

Elly du Pré, DPA
Manager, AER Accreditation Program

cc: Dr. John W. McAllister, HEAC Chair
Tessa McCarthy, Ph.D.



University of Pittsburgh

Is hereby awarded

CERTIFICATE OF ACCREDITATION

*For meeting national standards for personnel preparation,
assuring the highest educational and rehabilitative outcomes
for individuals with visual impairment and blindness
in the*

Orientation and Mobility Program

The tenure of accreditation extends through July 31, 2029

Lee Sonnenberg, Chair
AER Accreditation Council