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Dear Professor Mahdavi,

This is to inform and congratulate you for meeting the accreditation standards of the California Association for Alcohol/Drug Educators (CAADE). As of **October 26th, 2017**, CAADE certifies that your college is in good standing as a "fully accredited provider of Addiction Studies and meets all standards thereof." Your accreditation is good for five years, through **October 26th, 2022**.

This is a major accomplishment which represents many dedicated hours of work on behalf of your staff, faculty and students. Through the accreditation process your Addiction Studies program represents the latest advances in the field of addiction counseling grounded in evidence based practice.

CAADE is currently one of three addiction counselor certifying organizations in California. Most importantly, it is the only organization in the state that encourages its Certified Addictions Treatment Counselors (CATCs) to obtain certificates offered by CAADE accredited community college or university programs such as yours and to advance in the CAADE Tiered System by obtaining higher degrees.

Our accreditation guidelines are rigorous, and having met them your college's accreditation by CAADE distinguishes your students as among the most highly trained in the Western States. Completion of your program allows graduates to qualify to take the Certified Addictions Treatment Counselor (CATC) examination in California and, upon successful passing of the exam and completion of the supervised internship hour requirements, to become certified as CATCs.

CAADE extends congratulations to you and other support staff and faculty. We look forward to continuing to honor and support your distinguished educational institution.

Sincerely,

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