



National Association for the Education of Young Children

◦ Early Childhood Associate Degree Accreditation

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NAEYC Commission on Early Childhood Associate Degree Accreditation 2013

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Christie Colunga
Early Childhood Education Faculty
Paradise Valley Community College
18401 North 32nd Street
Phoenix, AZ 85032

Dear Christie Colunga:

We are pleased to inform you that the A.A.S. Early Childhood Education program at Paradise Valley Community College has earned Accreditation from the NAEYC Commission on Early Childhood Associate Degree Accreditation.

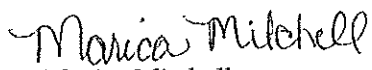
The accreditation decision is based on the Commission review of the program Self-Study Report, the Peer Review Team Report, and Written Response. The Commission evaluates the patterns of evidence indicating ability to support positive student outcomes in relation to the accreditation standards and offers feedback on program strengths and areas for consideration. Special attention is given to the use of student assessments and performance data to increase program effectiveness, capacity and innovation.

Accreditation is maintained through submission of an Annual Report and Annual Fee. Your reporting date is on the cover page of the enclosed Decision Report. We encourage faculty to continue to use the online community website to maintain compliance with the accreditation standards, prepare Annual Reports, and sustain a culture of evidence-based quality improvement. The current schedule of accreditation fees and the Annual Report template are available on the website. Accreditation expires seven years after the Commission decision. One year before expiration, programs submit a new Self-Study Report and host a new site visit.

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through accreditation*

Please contact Pamela Ehrenberg, Program Review Manager (pehrenberg@naeyc.org), if you have any questions. We are very pleased to welcome Wake Technical Community College to the growing community of institutions sponsoring programs that have earned NAEYC Early Childhood Associate Degree Accreditation.

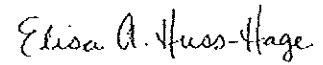
Sincerely,



Marica Mitchell

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