



Leading by Advancing Standards

October 4, 2014

Mariana Syrotiak, Director
INTERLINK Language Center at West Chester University
809 Roslyn Avenue, R. 100
West Chester, PA 19382

Dear Ms. Syrotiak:

The *CEA Policies and Procedures* require CEA to prepare a brief statement summarizing the reasons for the agency's denial of accreditation to a program or institution. The statement is forwarded the site for responsive comment. The statement along with the site's comment, if any, is forwarded to the U.S. Department of Education, the appropriate office at the Department of Homeland Security, licensing bodies and the public. If no response is made, CEA must provide evidence to the U.S. Department of Education that the site has been offered the opportunity to comment.

Following is the information that CEA will publish to the relevant parties, along with your responsive comment, if any. You may make general comments about the process and findings but should not respond to findings for each individual standard. CEA reserves the right to redact comments which are inflammatory or which do not pertain to the reasons for the final denial as stated in CEA's statement below.

INTERLINK Language Center at West Chester University, 809 Roslyn Avenue, R. 100, West Chester, PA 19382 was denied accreditation by the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation at its April 2014 meeting. The site appealed the decision. An independent CEA appeals board upheld the decision of the Commission to deny accreditation. The Commission accepted the report of the appeals board upholding the denial at its August 2014 meeting.

The following are the standards for which the site was found to be out of compliance and upon which the final denial was based.

Curriculum Standard 1
Curriculum Standard 2
Faculty Standard 7
Administrative and Fiscal Capacity Standard 5
Length and Structure of Program of Study Standard 2
Student Achievement Standard 2
Student Achievement Standard 4
Program Development, Planning, and Review Standard 1
Program Development, Planning, and Review Standard 2

Upon request, CEA makes available to recognized accreditation and state approval agencies, as well as the Secretary of Education, information about the status of any program or institution.

We look forward to receiving your responsive comment within 30 days, by November 4, 2014. If you choose not to respond, this letter will be forwarded to the U.S. Department of Education as evidence that you were given the opportunity to respond.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary R", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mary Reeves, PhD
Executive Director