NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

May 7, 2024

The Master of Science (M.S.) program in Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) at DeSales University invites you to a public meeting with the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). The CAA invites public input about the accreditation process and the M.S. program in SLP at DeSales University. Due to travel restrictions and health and safety considerations due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the CAA conducted all visits between Fall 2020 and Spring 2022 as full-team virtual site visits. This is a follow-up to CAA's candidacy virtual site visit conducted in September 2021 in accordance with USDE guidelines. The M.S. SLP program was awarded initial candidacy on March 21, 2022, following the virtual site visit.

Public Meeting

Date: Monday, May 20, 2024
Time: 6:00 pm (Eastern Time)
Location: Wills Hall, Room 106, 2755 Station Avenue, Center Valley, PA 18034

To attend by Zoom, email SLP@desales.edu before 10:00 AM on May 20, 2024. <u>Your RSVP must include your full</u> <u>name, email address, cell phone number, and Zoom name (if different from full name)</u>. Once you RSVP, we will send you the Zoom link information.

Individuals who wish to provide input about a program may do so in two ways:

- 1. Submitting written comments prior to the accreditation site visit in accordance with the procedures specified below, or
- 2. Attending and providing comments at the public meeting during the program's scheduled site visit.

All comments provided must:

- Relate to a program's compliance with the published Standards for Accreditation of Graduate Education Programs in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (Standards) in effect at the time comments are submitted, and
- Identify the specific program seeking candidacy (pre-accreditation), initial accreditation, or reaccreditation with the CAA.

Comments not meeting these requirements will not be considered, and the individual or group commenting will be so notified.

Individuals who wish to submit written testimony about the program must adhere to the following procedures.

- All comments about education programs are due in the Accreditation Office no later than 3 business days before the first day of the scheduled site visit. Comments received after this time will not be forwarded to the site visit team for consideration during the accreditation review.
- All written testimony—including comments faxed or submitted as e-mail attachments--must include the commenter's name, address and telephone contact information and the commenter's relationship to the program in order for CAA staff to verify the source of the testimony. All comments must be signed.

Comments should be submitted to:

Accreditation Public Comment Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) American Speech-Language-Hearing Association 2200 Research Boulevard, #310

Rockville, MD 20850

Email: accreditation@asha.org

Fax: <u>301-296-8570</u>