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VIA EMAIL & FEDERAL EXPRESS  
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Mr. Chris Masters, CEO  
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*Re.: Denial of Accreditation – Final Action  
ACCET ID# 1155*

Dear Mr. Masters:

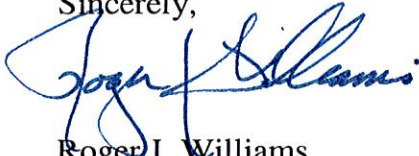
This letter is written to advise you that the denial of reaccreditation of the Savannah School of Massage Therapy Training by the Accrediting Commission of the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training (ACCET) was affirmed by the ACCET Appeals Panel at the November 27, 2012 hearing and is now a final action. The Accrediting Commission denied the reaccreditation of Savannah School of Massage Therapy Training in its letter dated August 30, 2012, citing six findings of non-compliance, along with specifying an opportunity to appeal the decision. The institution submitted its request to appeal, and subsequently submitted its appeals brief, dated November 8, 2012. Upon review of the institution's brief, and following its presentation at the November 27<sup>th</sup> hearing, the panel affirmed each of the Commission's findings, as referenced in the enclosed Decision of the Appeals Panel; therefore, the decision to deny the institution's reaccreditation is a final action.

Since the institution no longer has accredited status with ACCET, it must take timely steps to ensure that any website references, brochures, catalogs, advertisements, letterhead, certificates or other documentation used by the institution, which make reference to ACCET and/or the institution's prior accredited status with this agency, are corrected, removed from circulation, or destroyed, no later than 14 days from receipt of this letter. Further, the previously issued ACCET certificate of accreditation must be returned to this office no later than **January 3, 2013**.

As a closing note, the institution has the opportunity to provide a thoughtful and civil narrative to the Commission's action within 15 days of receipt of this letter. ACCET reserves the right to redact any inappropriate or inflammatory comments prior to posting the response on the website.

It remains our hope that the accreditation process has served to focus the institution's resources and commitment towards strengthening its operations through the systematic and effective implementation of policies and procedures that ensure the highest level of quality and integrity.

Sincerely,



Roger J. Williams  
Executive Director

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Enclosure: Decision of the Appeals Panel

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