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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS AND EMAIL
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*Re: Accreditation Denial – Final Action
ACCET ID # 1433*

Dear Dr. Quinn,

This letter is written to advise you that the denial of accreditation by the Accrediting Commission of the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training (ACCET) to Astar Education Institute was affirmed by the ACCET appeals panel at the March 24, 2016 hearing. The Accrediting Commission denied accreditation to Astar Education Institute in its letter dated December 22, 2015 citing nineteen (19) findings of non-compliance, along with specifying an opportunity to appeal the decision. The institution submitted its request to appeal and subsequently provided its appeals brief and exhibits on February 22, 2016. Upon review of the institution's brief, exhibits, and issues raised during the March 24, 2016 hearing, the panel affirmed the Commission's findings, as referenced in the enclosed decision of the appeals panel. Therefore, the decision to deny accreditation to the institution is a final action.

In accordance with ACCET Document 11 - Policies and Practices of the Accrediting Commission, an institution that is denied reaccreditation is not automatically eligible to reapply for accreditation. The institution must first seek and obtain the permission of the Commission to apply. Further, the institution may not reapply for accreditation until at least one (1) year from the date of the Commission's final action.

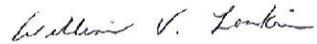
As a closing note, the institution has the opportunity to provide a narrative to the Commission's action within 15 days of receipt of this letter. ACCET reserves the right to redact any inappropriate or inflammatory comments prior to posting the response on the website. It remains our hope that the accreditation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

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William V. Larkin".

William V. Larkin, Ed.D.
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Enclosure: *Decision of the Appeals Panel*

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