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VIA EMAIL & FEDERAL EXPRESS
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Mr. Gerry Thiemann,
Director
Conversa Language Center
817 Main Street, 6th Floor
Cincinnati, OH 45202

*Re: Initial Accreditation Denied
Final Action
ACCET ID #1347*

Dear Mr. Thiemann:

This letter is to inform you that the denial of initial accreditation by the Accrediting Commission of the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education & Training (ACCET) is now a final action. The Commission's action letter was sent to the institution via email on April 29, 2013 and shipped to the institution via Federal Express on April 29, 2013, informing you of the decision to deny accreditation, along with a notation that this was not a final action, allowing the institution the opportunity to appeal, in accordance with ACCET policy, if received at this office within 15 days of receipt. No notice of intent to appeal had been received as of the expiration of that period on May 14, 2013 as a result of which the available administrative remedies through the appeal process have been exhausted, and thus final effective that date. It is noted for the record that ACCET advises institutions in such cases that they may submit an official comment for posting with regard to the Commission's decision, provided it is received within 15 days of receipt of this letter, which in this case was received via email earlier this date and, on the assumption it was so intended, it will be posted under Commission Reports on the website.

It is noted that the institution requested a special consideration in conferral with ACCET staff following receipt of the Commission's action letter, dated April 29, 2013, indicating the decision to deny initial accreditation. Given the implications relative to the one-year standard restriction on reapplication from the final date of a denial decision, which in the case of an appeal would extend out to the next Appeal Panel meeting in late July, you indicated interest in foregoing an appeal and seeking a waiver of the restriction to allow earlier reentry into the initial application process. Upon review and evaluation of the institution's request, rationale, and information presented, the Executive Committee voted to approve the request to allow reapplication to continue the process toward the achievement of initial accredited status.

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As a closing note, it remains our hope that the accreditation evaluation process has served to focus your institution's resources and commitment towards strengthening its operations through the systematic and effective implementation of administrative and academic policies, procedures, and practices that ensure a high level of quality and integrity on behalf of your students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger J. Williams". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Roger" being particularly prominent.

Roger J. Williams
Executive Director

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