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Dear MPH Students,

The Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH), the national accrediting agency for schools and programs in public health, met on November 1-2, 2018 to consider the accreditation for the National University MPH Program. The Council acted to confer probationary accreditation, extending to July 1, 2020. This action does not affect the university's regional accreditation through the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC).

Please let me assure you that the MPH Program has full support from the University, and we have taken appropriate steps to maximize the potential for successfully returning the Program to full accreditation status. As the Dean of the School of Health and Human Services at National University, it is my responsibility to communicate with you regarding your status as students. Students who complete all MPH Program of study requirements through to July 1, 2020 will graduate from a CEPH accredited program. However, it is important to note that there is no such guarantee for students who anticipate completing the requirements after that date.

The University and the MPH Program remain committed to resolving all CEPH concerns and enabling all of our students to graduate from an accredited program regardless of their completion date. The CEPH report acknowledged our current efforts to address concerns, and our documentation of the improvements we have implemented and are currently implementing in the Program. Further, the MPH Program is continuing to provide opportunities for students, faculty and members of our communities of interest to have input in the growth, development, and evaluation of the curriculum of study; in the identification of continuing education offerings; and, in the expansion and support of faculty and student research and service initiatives.

I strongly believe that under the leadership of Dr. Tyler Smith, Chair of the Department of Community Health, and his faculty and staff, and with the full support of the university administration, we will successfully remove the probationary status. Be assured that resolving these concerns is our highest priority.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to Dr. Tyler Smith via email at (tsmith@nu.edu) or phone at 858-309-3472, for any questions you might have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gloria J. McNeal".

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