

**Recommendation to Remove Stipulations for Loma Linda University
Professional Services Division
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Overview of this Item

This agenda item proposes to remove all stipulations and to change the accreditation status of Loma Linda University from *Accreditation with Major Stipulations* to *Accreditation*. The institutions subsequently withdrew the program in October 2024 with which the stipulations were associated and therefore the accreditation status should be revised accordingly.

Background

Loma Linda University's accreditation site visit was held on [April 15-17, 2024](#). At the time, it offered the Preliminary Speech Language Pathology Services Credential and the Pupil Personnel Services: School Counseling program. At the Committee on Accreditation's August 2024 meeting, it voted to grant the institution **Accreditation with Major Stipulations**. Below are the stipulations:

Within one year of the site visit, the institution must submit a report providing evidence documenting the following:

- 1) That the institution establish unit level oversight of its credential programs and assume responsibility for ensuring assessments indicate that candidates are meeting the Commission adopted competency requirements, as specified by Common and program standards.
- 2) That the institution has developed and implemented a comprehensive continuous improvement process at the unit level that identifies and evaluates unit effectiveness and monitors and ensures credential program effectiveness.
- 3) That the PPS School Counseling program has established and implemented a system to ensure monitoring, supporting, and assessment of candidate progress toward meeting the School Counseling Performance Expectations (SCPEs) and provides candidates with multiple opportunities to learn, apply, and reflect on each SCPE.
- 4) That the PPS School Counseling program ensures that candidates are monitored, supported, and assessed on their progress toward meeting the credential requirements by qualified faculty with expertise in school counseling.
- 5) That the PPS School Counseling program implements evidence-based assessment instruments evaluated by qualified faculty for ensuring systematic assessments of candidates' learning, application, and reflection on each SCPE that demonstrates the extent to which candidates are prepared to enter professional practice. In addition, the team recommends:
 - 6) That the institution provides quarterly reports focused on the stipulations as well as the Common and program standards that are not met or met with concerns.
 - 7) That PPS School Counseling program not be permitted to admit new candidates until all stipulations for the PPS School Counseling program have been addressed.

- 8) That the institution does not propose any new educator preparation programs for approval by the Committee on Accreditation until unit level stipulations are addressed.

It is important to note that all program standards were met for the Speech Language Pathology Services Credential and that all stipulations were related to the PPS School Counseling programs. Stipulations 1 and 2 addressed Common Standards with a primary emphasis on the lack of collaboration between the two Commission accredited programs – PPS School Counseling (SC) and SLP.

Withdrawal of the PPS School Counseling Program

At the October 2024 meeting, Loma Linda University submitted a request to withdraw their PPS School Counseling program. The program did not have any candidates enrolled in their program at the time of the request. The Committee members voted to accept the request to withdraw the PPS School Counseling credential program.

Recommendation to Remove Stipulations

Because of the withdrawal of the PPS School Counseling program, the remaining stipulations are no longer relevant to the institution. An additional agenda item should ideally have followed the October withdrawal in February 2025 to remove the stipulations and to change the accreditation status from *Accreditation with Major Stipulations* to *Accreditation*. In reviewing all reports for 2024-2025 to ensure the COA has reviewed and acted upon all 7th year reports, quarterly reports, revisit reports, and 6 month out reports, it was determined that COA still needed to act upon removal of stipulations for Loma Linda University. It was therefore placed on this agenda for formal action by the Committee.

As previously noted, the majority of the stipulations, including those Common Standards related stipulations for Loma Linda University, are directly related to the issues identified with the PPS School Counseling program.

Staff recommends that, due to the withdrawal of the PPS School Counseling program by Loma Linda University, COA remove all stipulations and change the accreditation status from *Accreditation with Major Stipulations* to *Accreditation*.