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Dear Ms. Delange:

This letter serves as a preliminary notification regarding American Pathways University (APU), located in Denver, Colorado, and the initial steps taken by the school to pursue accreditation with the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC).

On June 10-11, 2013, APU's President, Lawrence Marlatt, and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Gene Marlatt attended ACCSC's Initial Accreditation Workshop hosted in Arlington, Virginia. This mandatory workshop, which provides an overview of the initial application process and ACCSC's *Standards of Accreditation*, is the first step of ACCSC's accreditation process. Institutions are afforded a maximum of six months from the initial workshop to submit their Application for Initial Accreditation, Part I.

APU submitted the Application for Initial Accreditation, Part I on June 28, 2013, and this application is currently being evaluated by ACCSC staff. Under ACCSC's *Rules*, an Application for Initial Accreditation will be accepted only when it is deemed complete and demonstrates compliance with the ACCSC eligibility criteria and scope requirements. Predicated upon the acceptance of the Application for Initial Accreditation, Part I, APU will be directed to submit an Application for Initial Accreditation, Part II and an initial Self-Evaluation Report, and will receive an orientation on-site evaluation by an ACCSC staff person. Ultimately, should the school successfully continue in the initial accreditation process, APU will undergo an on-site evaluation, submit a response to the report from that evaluation, and be considered by ACCSC's Commission for the purposes of granting accreditation, or other action afforded to the Commission under its *Rules*.

Please note that ACCSC pledges to continue to provide the Colorado Department of Higher Education with regular updates on the status of APU's application as afforded under *Section X (E), Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*.

Should you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 703.247-4516 or via email at [clambert@accsc.org](mailto:clambert@accsc.org)

Sincerely,



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