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Christopher Wurster, MS
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Dear Director Wurster:

The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) is pleased to inform you of its vote on **March 15, 2019** to award **initial accreditation** to the Medical Assisting Certificate program at GateWay Community College - Southwest Skill Center, Avondale, AZ.

The recent peer review conducted by the Medical Assisting Education Review Board (MAERB) and CAAHEP's Board of Directors recognizes the program's substantial compliance with the nationally established accreditation Standards. The next evaluation is scheduled to occur no later than **Spring 2024**.

The MAERB will regularly monitor the program's compliance with the outcomes assessment thresholds through the program's Annual Report as well as other documentation that may be requested (Standard IV.B.).

In order to comply with the need for public disclosure, CAAHEP publishes a summary of accreditation actions taken at each of its meetings. The summary includes the actions taken, dates of the next review/comprehensive evaluation, as well as Standards citations and progress report due dates that appear in accreditation award letters, if applicable. Summaries can be found by clicking the "Recent Accreditation Actions" link on the home page of the CAAHEP website.

The accreditation standards are established by CAAHEP, MAERB, American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA), American Medical Technologists (AMT), and National Healthcareer Association (NHA).

The commission commends you and your colleagues for your commitment to continuous quality improvement in education, as demonstrated by your participation in program accreditation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gregory J. Ferenczak". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gregory Ferenczak, EdD, RT(R)(QM)
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