



January 24, 2022

Matthew Whelan, EdD  
President  
Caldwell University  
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Caldwell, NJ 07006

Dear Dr. Whelan:

The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) is pleased to inform you of its vote on **January 20, 2022** to award **initial accreditation** to the Art Therapy program at Caldwell University, Caldwell, NJ.

The recent peer review conducted by the Accreditation Council for Art Therapy Education (ACATE) and CAAHEP's Board of Directors recognizes the program's compliance with the nationally established accreditation Standards. The next evaluation of the program is scheduled to occur no later than **2030**.

The ACATE 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 on its website the accreditation award letters and accreditation actions summaries. Award letters can be found within individual program listings in the "Find An Accredited Program" section of the CAAHEP website. Accreditation actions summaries include a list of actions taken at each meeting, including accreditation statuses awarded and dates of the next reviews/comprehensive evaluations. Summaries can be found by clicking the "Accreditation" link under About Us on the CAAHEP website, then selecting "Accreditation Action Reports".

The accreditation standards are established by CAAHEP, ACATE, and American Art Therapy Association (AATA).

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 "Donald A. Balasa".

Donald Balasa, JD, MBA  
President

cc: Thomson Ling, PhD, Associate Dean  
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