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University of Houston Receives Continued Approval as an ASHA Approved Continuing Education (CE) Provider

December 16, 2010 -- The Continuing Education Board (CEB) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) recognized the University of Houston on December 16, 2010 by reapproving them for an additional five years as an ASHA Approved Continuing Education (CE) Provider. ASHA Approved CE Providers are approved to offer ASHA Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for the courses they offer to audiologists and speech-language pathologists. The recognition period extends for five years and includes all courses offered during that time that meet the ASHA CEB standards.

“We are pleased to have the University of Houston continue as an ASHA Approved CE Provider,” stated Dr. Paul Rao, president of ASHA and chief operating officer for inpatient services at the National Rehabilitation Hospital (NRH) in Washington, DC. Rao added “U of H is part of the 550 organizations in the United States and internationally that have had their organizational process and courses reviewed by our experts in continuing education to ensure the highest possible standards are met.”

In order to achieve ASHA Approved CE Provider status, the University of Houston completed a rigorous application process and successfully demonstrated adherence to the ASHA Continuing Education Board standards that focus on the design, development, administration, and evaluation of its continuing education courses offered for audiologists and speech-language pathologists. The re-approval process involved the review of all courses offered by the University of Houston in the past five year period and their on-going adherence to ASHA CEB standards. As a result of re-approval, the University of Houston agreed to continue their compliance with ASHA CEB standards and can continue to promote their organization and courses using the ASHA CE logo on promotional course material. In addition, the University of Houston is listed on the ASHA CEB’s Approved CE Provider list and their courses that meet CEB standards appear in the ASHA CE Course Search on the ASHA website.

About the University of Houston (UH), Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders (COMD)

The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders is in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, and it is home to approximately 30 faculty and staff.

The mission of the Program in Communication Sciences and Disorders at the University of Houston is to advance the understanding of typical and disordered speech, language, swallowing, and hearing through excellence in teaching, scholarship and service to the community.

The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders (COMD) offers a Master of Arts degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders and is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) of the American Speech, Language, Hearing Association (ASHA). Graduates of the master’s degree program meet the academic standards for speech-language pathology as determined by ASHA.

About the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)

ASHA is the national professional, scientific, and credentialing association for more than 145,481 audiologists, speech-language pathologists, and speech, language, and hearing scientists. Audiologists specialize in preventing and assessing hearing and balance disorders as well as providing audiologic treatment including hearing aids. Speech-language pathologists identify, assess, and treat speech and language problems including swallowing disorders. For more information, please visit www.asha.org or call 800-498-2071.

About the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) Continuing Education Board (CEB)

The ASHA CEB supports and facilitates professional development by assisting individuals in the management of lifelong learning; encouraging the availability of quality, relevant CE opportunities through its network of ASHA Approved Continuing Education Providers; and recognizing individual accomplishments in CE with the ASHA Award for Continuing Education (ACE).