

November 14, 2013

Virginia Harmelink  
Early Childhood Education Department Chair  
Pima Community College  
5901 S. Calle Santa Cruz  
Tucson, AZ 85709

Dear Ms. Harmelink:

We are pleased to inform you that the NAEYC Commission on Early Childhood Associate Degree Accreditation finds the A.A.S. Early Childhood Studies program at Pima Community College to have met the conditions set by the Commission in the initial accreditation decision. Continued accreditation is awarded for a full seven-year term, through the dates on the enclosed Accreditation Certificate.

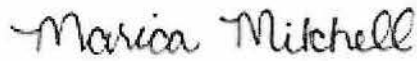
The program submitted all of the requested items: revised assessments for Standards 3 and 4, revised rubrics for all key assessments, and revised instructions for all key assessments. The Commission noted that the program has done excellent work aligning the assessments, providing appropriate rubrics, and outlining very clear student instructions. The student instructions include templates and even examples that will enable students to meet expectations. The Commission commended the program for completing this work.

As you know, accreditation is maintained through submission of an Annual Report and Annual Fee. Your reporting date is on the cover page of the original Decision Report. Current fees are posted at [www.naeyc.org](http://www.naeyc.org) and in the online accreditation community of practice. Accreditation expires seven years after the original Commission decision. One year before expiration, programs submit a new Self-Study Report and host a new site visit.

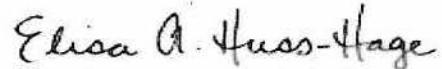
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Congratulations on your continued accreditation. We encourage you to continue to use the online community website to maintain compliance with the accreditation standards, prepare Annual Reports, sustain a culture of evidence-based quality improvement, and prepare for accreditation renewal. Please contact Pamela Ehrenberg, Program Review Manager ([pehrenberg@naeyc.org](mailto:pehrenberg@naeyc.org)), if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Marica Cox Mitchell  
Director  
Higher Education Accreditation & Program Support



Elisa Huss-Hage  
Commission Chair

cc: Lee D. Lambert, President



# *Certificate of Accreditation*

*Pima Community College, AZ  
A.A.S. Early Childhood Studies*

*is hereby awarded continuing NAEYC Early Childhood Associate Degree Accreditation*

*for demonstrating substantial compliance with national professional standards for early childhood education  
for the period July 2013 through July 2019*

*Elisa A. Huss-Hage*

Elisa Huss-Hage, Commission Chair

*Marica Mitchell*

Marica Mitchell, Director

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National Association for the Education of Young Children, 1313 L Street, NW., Washington DC 20005