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University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences Receives Accreditation From Western Association of Schools and Colleges

University adds regional accreditation to its national accreditation and accreditations for physical and occupational therapy and continuing professional education

San Marcos, CA—July 10, 2014—The University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences (USA) is proud to announce it has been granted Initial Accreditation by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC). WSCUC accreditation demonstrates that USA meets rigorous standards and is committed to student learning and success, high standards of quality, and contributing to the public good.

Regional accreditation from WSCUC continues USA's history of demonstrating its quality. Since the 1990s, USA has been nationally accredited by the Distance Education and Training Council (DETC) and accredited at the program level by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) and the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE). USA also has continuing professional education accreditation from the International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET).

"We are proud to have achieved another prestigious accreditation that affirms the quality of the health sciences education we provide to students on our campuses in California, Florida, and Texas and to students across the country online," said Dr. Wanda Nitsch, USA's president and chief academic officer. "WSCUC accreditation is another way of demonstrating how we are committed to developing practitioners through innovative, individualized, and quality classroom, clinical, and distance education."

WSCUC is one of the U.S. regional associations that accredit public and private colleges and universities. Through its review processes, WSCUC confirms that an institution has the resources, policies and practices in place to achieve its educational goals.

USA recently became part of *Laureate International Universities*, a network of more than 75 institutions in 29 countries and one of the most significant global higher education providers for health sciences.

About the University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences

The University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences (USA) is a graduate institution that emphasizes health science education through innovative quality classroom and distance education, and is a member of the *Laureate International Universities* network. Founded in 1979, USA has locations in San Marcos, California; St. Augustine, Florida; and Austin, Texas. The university is regionally accredited by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) and nationally accredited by the Distance Education and Training Council (DETC). USA's physical therapy programs are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), and its occupational therapy programs are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE). Degree offerings include the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT), the Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT), the Dual Degree Option (MOT/DPT), the Master of Orthopaedic Assistant (MOA), the Flexible Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) and the Flexible Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT). USA also offers the Transitional Doctor of Occupational Therapy, the Transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy, the Doctor of Education (EdD), the Doctor of Health Science (DHSc), the Clinical Orthopaedic Residency, the Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapy Fellowship program, and continuing education seminars and certifications for currently licensed therapists. For more information, visit www.usa.edu.

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