

August 1, 2017

Dear GPPH Students,

The Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH), the accrediting agency for graduate schools and programs in public health, met on June 22-24, 2017 and acted to confer probationary accreditation to the University of New England Graduate Programs in Public Health (GPPH) for a term of two years. This action does not affect the university's regional accreditation through the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) Commission on Institutions of Higher Education.

First, I want to assure you that GPPH has full support from the University to do whatever it takes to lift this probation and return to full accreditation status. In the meantime, it is my responsibility as UNE President to communicate with you regarding your status as students. CEPH guarantees that your diploma will be recognized as being from an accredited program as long as you complete all the requirements for your degree by June 1, 2019. However, there is no such guarantee for students who anticipate completing the requirements after that date. Again, let me reassure you that the University and GPPH remain committed to resolving all CEPH concerns and enabling all of our students to graduate from an accredited program regardless of their completion date.

We respect CEPH's decision and we are committed to resolving their concerns. The CEPH report acknowledges that we are moving in the right direction and need to continue to document the improvements we have implemented in the program. To address CEPH's concerns, GPPH is continuing to facilitate opportunities for students, faculty and other stakeholders to participate in program governance, expanding its support for faculty and student research and service opportunities, and enhancing its professional development activities and career services.

I am convinced that under the leadership of Dr. Nang Tin Maung and her faculty and staff, and with the full support of the university administration, we will successfully remove the probation. Resolving these concerns is our highest priority.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to Dr. Tin Maung ([ntinmaung@une.edu](mailto:ntinmaung@une.edu) or 207-221-4952) if you have any questions regarding completion of your Public Health program at UNE.

Sincerely,



James Herbert  
President