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Dear Student

You are about to begin an exciting and challenging first step in your goal of becoming a chiropractor. The institution you have chosen to undertake your chiropractic education and training has been accredited by the European Council on Chiropractic Education. This means that the institution delivers a course that meets ECCE *Standards*, a copy of which can be downloaded from the ECCE website: www.cce-europe.com.

The *Standards* are compiled to reflect the structure and process of chiropractic education and training that is required to produce a chiropractor who is safe and competent to practise as a primary contact practitioner. You can therefore be assured that the journey ahead of you will be very worthwhile and that the course you have chosen will enable you to achieve your goal of practising as a chiropractor in the modern healthcare environment. In order to ensure that the course continues to evolve and reflect the ever changing needs of healthcare delivery, the institution is monitored by the ECCE on an annual basis, and has to undergo a rigorous re-accreditation process every 3 or 5 years. All of these reviews ensure that the course produces a chiropractor who is not only safe and competent, but also one with the attitudes and skills to keep up to date and provide the best care possible for patients throughout what we hope will be a long and rewarding professional career.

Of course, simply providing a course of the highest possible standards is not enough. You will be required to do your part which will mean hard work, commitment and application. But of course, it is not just about hard work. Learning should also be fun. You are not only about to learn new skills and knowledge, but also to meet new people and forge new friendships.

In choosing an institution accredited by the ECCE you have not only chosen an education and training that you can be certain meets the highest standards, but also one that has world-wide recognition. Once you graduate, you will be recognised as a qualified chiropractor by the ECCE partner accrediting bodies in the USA, Canada and Australia. This means you will be eligible to apply to meet the national requirements to practise in countries covered by this agreement. More details can be obtained from the CCEI website: www.cceintl.org.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on choosing and being successful in gaining a place to study at an ECCE-accredited institution. Welcome to chiropractic and good luck with your studies.

Yours sincerely

Dr Timothy Raven
President on behalf of the Executive of the ECCE