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**Tai Sophia Institute reaccredited by Middle States Commission on Higher Education**

*LAUREL, Md., July 19, 2012* –After a rigorous and comprehensive review of the curriculum, faculty, governance structure, and student and institutional outcomes, Tai Sophia Institute has been reaccredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education for 10 years.

“The reaccreditation is important for both the institution and for potential students,” says Judi Broida, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs. “Accreditation serves as a stamp of approval from our peers that indicates the institution meets highly selective standards and, likewise, is an assurance to potential students that the quality of the education they will receive has been reviewed, assessed, and approved by a broad group of academic peers.”

“We had to meet 14 important and wide-ranging criteria as identified by the Middle States Commission, which included assessments of the quality of our faculty, the rigor of our curriculum, and the outcomes of each of our courses—specifically, whether the courses successfully prepared students to be proficient and to excel in their individual fields. I’m delighted to say that we met every one of the standards.”

The reaccreditation process began with a required Self-Study, an internal institutional review that Tai Sophia Institute conducted during the preceding 18-month period. The Self-Study culminated in a 100-page report, with more than 200 appendices and 2000 pages of evidence documenting how the Institute met the standards defined in the Characteristics of Excellence in Higher Education manual prepared by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. The Self-Study phase was followed by a 3-day site visit in March 2012 from five individuals pre-selected by the Middle States Commission who work in peer institutions. The results of the findings of the site visitors were then presented to the Middle States Commissioners for their approval.

Tai Sophia Institute’s official reaccreditation was granted on June 28, 2012, for a 10-year period. The Institute’s initial accreditation was for five years.

**About Tai Sophia Institute**

Founded in 1974, Tai Sophia Institute, ([www.tai.edu](http://www.tai.edu)), is a private, nonprofit, academic institution focused on integrative health and wellness. Accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, the Institute offers graduate degrees and certificates in a wide range of health and wellness fields including acupuncture and oriental medicine, integrative nutrition, herbal medicine, and health and wellness coaching.

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