



October 11, 2012

Dr. Belle S. Wheelan, President
Commission on Colleges
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
1866 Southern Lane
Decatur, GA 30033-4097

Dear Dr. Wheelan,

This letter is to inform you that Texas A&M University-Commerce (A&M-Commerce) has received approval from The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents to offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree program. In addition, the BSN program has been approved by the Committee on Academic and Workforce Success of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, which has unanimously recommended it for final approval of the full Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board at its meeting scheduled for October 25, 2012. We intend to offer the BSN program on the main campus of A&M-Commerce to begin in January 2013.

As previously stated in our letter of February 3, 2012, we have made progress in restructuring the program and defining specific priorities. This will be a full-time program using a combination of face-to-face instruction and web-enhanced courses. The clinical learning portion will be conducted via a state-of-the-art simulation laboratory as well as the traditional, hands-on instructor-supervised practice to be held in a variety of rural Northeast Texas clinical settings.

Initially, 30 students will be admitted annually to this program. They will earn a baccalaureate degree and be eligible to take the NCLEX-RN examination for licensure as a Registered Nurse (RN), and be qualified for admission to most graduate nursing programs in the State of Texas.

We understand this will be a substantive change. Please find the attached prospectus as requested in your letter of February 20, 2012.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance as we begin this program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan R. Jones', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Dan R. Jones, Ph.D.
President

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