



August 19, 2015

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

Dear Dr. Wheelan:

Please accept this letter as notification of intent to eliminate the current program, the Master of Education in Health, Kinesiology, and Sports Studies. The Master of Science in Health, Kinesiology, and Sports Studies will remain active. The MS/MED Health, Kinesiology, and Sports Studies program is in the Department of Health and Human Performance. This department is located within the School of Nursing and Health Sciences which is housed within the College of Education and Human Services.

After discussions with faculty in the department, consultation with the dean of the college, and with the Provost's approval, the MED component of the program is now being submitted to the Commission as a request for closing, effective with the fall term, which begins on August 31, 2015. Because of the lack of enrollment in the MED component of the program, we believe it is good practice to eliminate that component of the program. It is our belief that a Teach-Out Plan will not be necessary since there are no currently enrolled students in the MED program. However, we do wish to affirm that no faculty or staff members will lose their positions as a result of the closure of the MED in Health, Kinesiology, and Sports Studies since the MS in Health, Kinesiology, and Sport Studies will remain. In addition, we also wish to inform the Commission that the students were allowed to complete their degrees without interruption and with no additional charges or expenses.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter and please contact the university Accreditation Liaison, Dr. Marila Palmer, at 903-886-5936 or marila.palmer@tamuc.edu should you have questions.

Sincerely,

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