



February 23, 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 phase out the current program, the Bachelor of Science in Health Promotion. **It is intended that the phase out of the BS Health Promotion will be contingent upon the approval of the proposed BS Public Health program by the university's board of directors and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board**, which is anticipated might take three to six months. As a result of the desired starting date for the BS in Public Health (Fall 2015), we wish to inform the Commission now about the phase out of the BS in Health Promotion. The BS Health Promotion program is a program within 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, this program is now being submitted to the Commission as a request for closing. It is believed that with the scarcity of trained public health professionals in the state of Texas, the new program will be more marketable and successful than the current BS Health Promotion degree program. A Teach-Out Plan is attached per instructions in SACSCOC's Substantive Change Policy.

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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President

Enclosures

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