



April 2, 2018

Dr. Ray Keck
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Dear Dr. Keck:

Thank you for your letter of November 13, 2017, providing notification of the closure of an off-campus site, effective August 2018.

The location of the site is as follows:

Multi-Institutional Teaching Center
Midlothian Higher Education Center (MHEC)
899 Mt. Zion Road
Building 2, Room 115
Midlothian, TX 76065

The University offered only the Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies at the site and due to dwindling enrollment, the site will be closed. Faculty, staff, and students were notified in person and by email by the Dean of the College of Education and Human Services that the site would close. The notification also provided an explanation of how all affected students will be assisted and advised in order to complete their program of study with minimal disruption.

The B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies program is currently offered at three other off-site locations (Collin Higher Education Center, Mesquite Metroplex and Navarro Partnership-Corsicana) and at the main campus. Of the original 102 students affected by the closure of the site, 59 will not be able to complete the program of study before the teach-out is complete. Of those 59, 30 have applied to the teacher education program. Of those 30 students, 12 live closer to one of the University's other sites offering the program. Students who will have to drive further to complete their program will be counseled concerning online bachelor's degree completion programs as an option if driving to one of the other sites or the main campus is not feasible for them.

Each faculty member who teaches at the site also teaches courses on the main campus or at other off-site locations and thus no faculty members will be adversely affected by the closure. The one full-time staff member at the site resigned and that position is not being refilled. Other staff members were shared between the Midlothian and Corsicana locations and thus will continue employment at the Corsicana location.



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We approve the closure of the Midlothian Higher Education Center (MHEC) off-campus site.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin W. Sightler".

Kevin W. Sightler, Ph.D.
Director of Substantive Change

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cc: Dr. Shonda Gibson, Associate Provost for
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