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June 3, 2015

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Dear Dr. Albrecht:

Thank you for your letter of February 9, 2015, to the Commission regarding the closure of the Graduate Certificate program in Public Health Leadership, effective fall 2008.

The 15 semester credit hour program was established in 2005, as part of a multi-institution consortium in partnership with the State of Tennessee. The consortium and its funding ended in 2008. It is assumed that students were no longer admitted at the time the consortium ended; therefore, the effective closure date of the program is assumed to be fall 2008. There are no students enrolled in the program. All students have either completed the program or have had reasonable time to re-enroll and complete. Faculty approved the closure in February 2015, through its established governance process. Because there are no students, no teach-out plan is necessary. There is no faculty, staff, or other resource implication.

The institution is reminded of its obligation to contact the Commission immediately following the decision to close a program, which is defined as when students are no longer admitted.

The Commission accepts late notification and approves the closure of the Graduate Certificate in Public Health Leadership and requests no additional information.

Best regards,

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President

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