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Dr. Donde Ashmos Plowman
Chancellor
The University of Tennessee, Knoxville
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Knoxville, TN 37996-0180

Dear Dr. Plowman:

Thank you for submitting the following substantive change:

Substantive change:
Program Closure
Graduate Certificate in Nurse Executive Practice
Submission date:
5/16/2024
Intended Implementation date:
7/31/2024
Case ID:
SC026835

At the time the decision to close was made, no students were enrolled in the Graduate Certificate in Nurse Executive Practice. Only one student has graduated from the program since its inception, and there has been no interest or applications to the program in the last two admissions cycles. There were no students who required options to complete the program.

Faculty began discussions regarding the program's status in 2023, and all faculty were aware of the planned closure due to no student applications/enrollment. As clarified by email (May 31, 2024), others in the academic community were informed of the closure through the Graduate Council Curricular Process and included the Registrar's office, graduate admissions, advisors/recruiters, and others.

No students incurred additional costs.

As affirmed, there will be no effect on faculty and staff workload or employment as a result of this closure.

The Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges approves the closure of the Graduate Certificate in Nurse Executive Practice.

Should you need assistance, please contact Dr. J. Matthew Melton at (404) 994-6553 or via email at mmelton@sacscoc.org.

Please include the Case ID number above in all submissions or correspondence about this substantive change.

Sincerely,

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.
President

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Dr. J. Matthew Melton, Vice President, SACSCOC