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Dear Dr. High:

Thank you for your letter of June 1, 2012, notifying the Commission on Colleges of a series of substantive changes within the College of Allied Health Sciences in the University of Tennessee Health Science Center.

Change in mode of delivery in the Master of Science in Physical Therapy
The Master of Science in Physical Therapy is a post professional degree for physical therapists who wish to pursue an advanced degree. This program has moved to a hybrid mode of delivery, using both face-to-face instruction and on-line instruction. Up to 41% of the credit hours may now he completed on-line should the student so choose.

Since the institution is approved for the electronic delivery of 50% or more of a program's credits, we accept the notification and require no additional information. Please note that effective January 1, 2013, once an institution is approved to offer electronically 50% or more of the credits in a program, no notification is necessary when any percentage of additional approved programs is offered online.

Substantial increase in the number of semester credit hours required for the Master in Health Informatics and Information Management (M.H.I.I.M.)
This program, previously approved by SACSCOC, is an on-line program and requires 33 semester credit hours for completion.

As a result in changing professional expectations and standards, the previously offered baccalaureate degree is heing transitioned to an entry-level M.H.I.I.M. for individuals wishing to enter the profession. Thus, two tracks will be available for students pursuing the M.H.I.I.M.: an entry-level track and a post-graduate track. The new entry-level track requires 75 credit hours.

We accept the notification of the new entry-level track and require no additional information.

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Name change for a degree program
In an effort to more closely align with the certification agencies, the name of the Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology has been changed to the Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science.

We accept the information and shall add it to your file.

Best regards,

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