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Closure of the Master of Science in Nursing Program (SACSCOC Response)

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August 27, 2021

Dr. Donde Ashmos Plowman
Chancellor
The University of Tennessee, Knoxville
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Dear Dr. Plowman:

Thank you for submitting the following substantive change:

Substantive change:

Program Closure

Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.)

Submission date:

6/17/2021

Intended Implementation date:

8/1/2021

Case ID:

SC014478

The University of Tennessee Knoxville (UTK) is providing late notification of its intention to close the Master of Science degree program in Nursing (M.S.N.) in favor of the existing Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) degree program.

Students were informed personally of the program closing during advisement by faculty members and the program closing was posted on the department's website. All students will complete their program by fall 2021. Students will not incur any additional charges because of the closure. No faculty or staff members will be affected by the program closure.

When an institution closes a program or instructional site, it has an affirmative obligation to seek closure approval from the Commission at the time the closure decision is made and prior to the cessation of instruction. The closure date is the date students are no longer admitted.

The Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges approves the closure of the Master of Science degree program in Nursing (M.S.N.).



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Should you need assistance, please contact Dr. Denise Y. Young at 404-679-4501 or via email at dyoung@sacscoc.org.

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

Note: The SACSCOC substantive change policy was revised in 2020 and updated in March and June 2021. The policy has many new requirements and changes to previous requirements. The *Substantive Change Policy and Procedures* and learning resources are available on the substantive change webpage at www.sacscoc.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Belle S. Wheelan".

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.
President

BSW/LCS:lp

cc: Dr. Heather G Hartman, Assistant Vice Provost & SACSCOC Liaison, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Dr. Denise Y. Young, Vice President, SACSCOC