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## **Program Closure/Reorganization - Master of Science in Nursing MSN (UTK Notification)**

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

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SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE TYPE (ONLY USE DESCRIPTIONS DEFINED IN POLICY)	SUBMISSION DATE	IMPLEMENTATION DATE
SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE DESCRIPTION		

### OFF-CAMPUS INSTRUCTIONAL SITES /ADDITIONAL LOCATIONS RELATED TO THIS SUBMISSION

	Site Name	Address	City	State	ZIP Code	Country
1.						
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3.						
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### PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS SUBMISSION

	Program Name (to include discipline)	Credential (Diploma, Bachelor of Arts, etc.)	Instructional Level (undergrad/grad)
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I certify the information on this form is correct and accurately represents the current status of the institution at the time of submission.

LIAISON or CEO NAME	EMAIL ADDRESS	<i>Suggest electronically signing with Adobe Acrobat when complete and before submitting (optional).</i>
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THE UNIVERSITY OF  
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KNOXVILLE

June 17, 2021

Dr. Belle S. Wheelan  
President  
SACS Commission on Colleges  
1866 Southern Lane  
Decatur, GA 30033

**Re: Program Closure – Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)**

Dear Belle,

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville's (UTK) College of Nursing faculty have discontinued the Master of Nursing degree in favor of an existing Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP). Students were no longer admitted after summer 2019, and the last graduates will finish matriculating in August 2021.

Due to multiple leadership changes in the College, the reporting of this closure was delayed. The programmatic accreditor, Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthetist Education Programs (COA) is also being notified at this time.

- Students were informed individually by faculty members during academic advising sessions, and a conspicuous statement was posted on the department's website for prospective students not yet in contact with faculty members or admissions staff.
- Faculty members were involved in the decision to close the program through the customary curricular process. No staff members have been impacted as a result of this change.
- Enrolled students will be able to matriculate through the MSN program until August 2021. There are no part-time or out-of-sequence students enrolled in the program.
- There were no additional charges or other expenses charged to students.
- The two full-time anesthesia faculty members are fully employed supporting both programs until August. Faculty and staff will be fully engaged supporting this and other programs in the College.

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If you have questions, please contact me at 865-974-3635 or via email [hhartman@utk.edu](mailto:hhartman@utk.edu).

Warm regards,



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Enclosure

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