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October 10, 2024

Dr. Kevin Sightler
Substantive Change Office
SACS Commission on Colleges
1866 Southern Lane
Decatur, GA 30033

Re: SC028313 – Request for Additional Information – Program Closure – Graduate Certificate in Nurse Anesthesia

Dear Kevin,

Please find the additional requested information regarding the graduate certificate in Nurse Anesthesia below.

1. Please provide a description of how prospective students were/will be notified of the closure.

No matriculated students applied or were enrolled in the Nurse Anesthesia Graduate Certificate program; therefore, no students were affected, and no students needed to be informed of the certificate program closure. The certificate program was removed from the College of Nursing Graduate Certificate webpage as there had been no interest from prospective students. There were no prospective students to notify of the program closure.

2. Please provide a description of how the institutional community, including applicants to the program, recruiters, and admissions staff were informed of the program closure.

College Constituents:

College of Nursing constituents (Faculty and Staff) were notified of the closure through the customary curricular process which includes meetings of the College of Nursing Graduate Curriculum Committee, College of Nursing Graduate Student Affairs Committee, College of Nursing Graduate Advisory Council, and at the College of Nursing Faculty and Directors meetings when the College received approval from COA for the first DNP Nurse Anesthesia cohort in 2019. The removal of the Nurse Anesthesia Graduate Certificate program went through, and was approved by, the university graduate curricular process in Spring of 2020 and the appropriate university constituents received notification of the closure.

Admissions & Recruiters:

College of Nursing Advisors were notified by the Director of Student Services – all advisors reported to the Director who disseminates information to the Office of Student Services team members. Graduate admissions were notified of the closure through the Graduate Council Curricular Process conducted. College of Nursing

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Advisors also serve as recruiters for the College of Nursing. There are no recruiters outside of the College of Nursing.

Others:

The Registrar's Office was notified through the Graduate Council Curricular Process. Graduate School Graduation Specialists were also notified through the Graduate Council Curricular Process.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heather Hartman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Heather Hartman
SACSCOC Liaison