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September 8, 2016

Dr. Mary Lewnes Albrecht
Associate Vice Provost
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
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Dear Dr. Albrecht:

Thank you for your letter of April 27, 2016, notifying the Commission of your intent to add a new graduate certificate program in Deafness Rehabilitation, effective fall 2016. The University currently offers the Master of Science in Counseling degree program with concentrations in Clinical Mental Health Counseling and in School Counseling and the Ph.D. in Counselor Education degree program.

The new certificate program will require 12 credit hours. The certificate program will replace the current concentration in Rehabilitation Counseling which will close as of December 2016. The curriculum for the certificate program will utilize one existing and three new courses. Course descriptions, student learning outcomes, an assessment plan, and a faculty roster were provided. Based on a review of the information provided, the program does not appear to be a significant departure from other approved programs. Courses will be offered via distance education and one course will require students to be present on the Knoxville campus for one week of individualized instruction in counseling skills. The program will admit students in cohorts of fewer than ten students. Based on the review of the Faculty Roster, the faculty appear to have the appropriate credentials to support the program. No new faculty, library resources, or facilities will be required to support the program. The institution was approved for distance education in February 1998.

We accept notification of the new graduate certificate program in Deafness Rehabilitation and require no additional information.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah L. Armstrong".

Sarah L. Armstrong, Ph.D.
Director of Substantive Change

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cc: Dr. Jimmy G. Cheek, Chancellor
Dr. Steven M. Sheeley