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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Dr. Belle S. Wheelan, President  
Commission on Colleges  
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools  
1866 Southern Lane  
Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097

Dear Dr. Wheelan:

I am writing to notify you that The University of Texas at Arlington is seeking approval from The University of Texas System and The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for a new Master of Science program in Athletic Training (MSAT). The MSAT will begin in Summer 2013 as a 52-credit, cohort-based, entry-level professional program designed to prepare graduates for the Texas Advisory Board of Athletic Trainers' licensure exam and the Board of Certification, Inc. (BOC) examination, leading to a career in the health care profession of athletic training.

The new degree will complement the programs already offered by the Department of Kinesiology within the College of Education and Health Professions at UT Arlington. These include the BA/BS in Athletic Training and the MS in Exercise Science.

The BA/BS is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) and consistently demonstrates success in both student and program outcomes. The undergraduate program is supported by a very strong faculty, which has led to the program having a strong reputation regionally and nationally. These faculty members are fully qualified to teach in the new MS as well.

The MSAT degree program includes the same six hours of research core classes that are required within the MS in Exercise Science program. Also, students enrolled in the MSAT will be able to select six hours of elective courses from the current Exercise Science graduate courses.

Please let me know if the Commission requires additional information.

Sincerely,

James D. Spaniolo, President

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