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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 the Commission that The University of Texas at Arlington (UT Arlington) plans to offer the MSN-Education degree via the internet, in partnership with Academic Partners (AP), a company located at 2200 Ross Avenue #3800, Dallas, Texas, 75201. The intended launch date for the first cohort of students is September 24, 2012. We have already obtained Commission approval to offer several other nursing degrees, including the MSN-Administration, online with Academic Partners.

As in our other partnerships with AP, the company will assist in the marketing, promotion, and delivery of the MSN-Education courses. AP will market the degree program to hospitals and health care institutions. AP will also provide academic support via academic coaches hired to help facilitate student navigation of the course.

The online MSN in Education is structured to provide courses in 5- to 10-week time frames using on-line media and instruction methods. Master's- and doctorally-prepared academic coaches will support students in the clinical and non-clinical aspects of the program under the supervision of UT Arlington MSN Program faculty. Preceptored clinical experiences for students in the online MSN in Education will occur in schools of nursing and in the education departments of the partner hospitals/health systems in which the students are already employed. As in the face-to-face program, preceptors will be approved by the UT Arlington Nursing faculty.

As with all of our programs, the course content, course structure, and final course grades are the sole responsibility of the University of Texas at Arlington.

Please let me know if the Commission requires additional information.

Sincerely,

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