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Dr. Belle S. Wheelan, President  
Commission on Colleges  
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools  
1866 Southern Lane  
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Dear Dr. Wheelan:

I am writing to notify the Commission that The University of Texas at Arlington (UT Arlington) plans to offer the degree of Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction via the internet, in partnership with Higher Education Holdings (HEH), a company located at 2200 Ross Ave, #3800, Dallas, Texas, 75201. The intended launch date for the first cohort of students is November 10, 2008, with subsequent cohorts to follow every few months using a quarter system.

HEH will assist in the marketing, promotion, and delivery of the Education courses. Higher Education Holdings will market the degree program to K-12 schools and school districts in a bulk format. Instead of marketing to individual students, as is the traditional practice for institutions of higher education, HEH will market the program to institutions for their employees. Enrollees will access the courses individually via the internet.

HEH will also provide technical support for the courses delivered via their courseware and academic support via academic coaches hired to help facilitate student navigation of the course. This distribution and learning model mirrors the RN to BSN degree in Nursing, offered in partnership between UT Arlington and HEH which has recently been approved by the Commission.

UT Arlington has offered the Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction for many years. In 2001, the Commission approved a proposal from UT Arlington to offer the degree via the internet. In the currently proposed program with HEH, as with the previously approved program, 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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President

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