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January 19, 2010

Dr. Cesar Maldonado
President
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Dear Dr. Maldonado:

Thank you for your letters of October 5, 2009, and October 13, 2009, providing information concerning the offering online of 50% or more of the Associate in Science degrees in Nursing Preparatory and Health Professions Preparatory effective summer 2010.

Letter of October 5, 2009

Your letter dated October 5, 2009, provides a correction to our letter of September 4, 2009, in which we erroneously stated that you were beginning an Associate Degree in Nursing. We apologize for our mistake and acknowledge that the degrees are Associate in Science degrees in Nursing Preparatory and Health Professions Preparatory.

Letter of October 13, 2009

The letter dated October 13, 2009, provided a prospectus seeking approval to offer 50% or more of the Associate in Science degrees in Nursing Preparatory and Health Professions Preparatory. While the College currently offers a number of courses in a distance learning format as an option to students, the College has not previously offered a program toward which 50% or more of the courses offered online could be applied.

The prospectus provided adequate information concerning the support for distance learning courses, syllabi, learning resources provision, and faculty qualifications of faculty teaching distance learning courses in the programs. Evidence of assessment of effectiveness of the instruction online was provided.

We approve the offering online, effective summer 2010, of 50% or more of the credits required for the Associate in Science degrees in Nursing Preparatory and Health Professions Preparatory and request no further information.



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Enclosed is an invoice for \$300 to help defray the cost of reviewing the prospectus.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Belle S. Wheelan".

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.
President

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Enclosure

cc: Ms. Edna Claus, Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness and Research
Dr. Rudolph S. Jackson