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

Re: Intent to Close Programs

Dear Dr. Wheelan:

In accordance with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) Substantive Change policy, Texas State Technical College (TSTC) Harlingen is hereby notifying SACSCOC of its intent to close the following programs:

- Associate of Applied Science in Computer Science Software Development (CSSD)
- Associate of Science in Nursing Preparation
- Associate of Science in Health Professions

In accordance with the TSTC Harlingen Substantive Change procedure, the Curriculum Committee met on December 5, 2013, and approved the closing of these three (3) programs. The recommendation was submitted to the Provost and was approved on December 16, 2013.

The teach-out plan is as follows:

Effective February 1, 2014, no new students will be admitted to any of the above listed programs. All current students are being advised regarding this decision and are given the opportunity to transfer to a comparable program or being allowed to finish the program if they so choose.

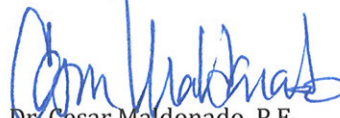
- There are 7 students with a declared major of AAS in CSSD.
 - 2 have already changed degree plans.
 - 4 are not enrolled nor are they in good standing academically.
 - 1 is not enrolled and is in good standing academically; the student has institutional credits that can be applied to any of the following degree plans: AS in Computer Science, AAS in Computer System Management Technology, or AAS in Computer Network and Security.
 - Students not currently enrolled will be receiving a letter from the Advising Center informing them the program is no longer available and that he/she will have the opportunity to change his/her major when returning to school.

- There are 24 students with a declared major of AS in Health Professions.
 - All students will be able to continue in the program through completion since all courses in the degree plan will continue to be offered at TSTC Harlingen or
 - Students can change their degree plan to AS in Biology. The degree plan for AS in Health Professions and AS in Biology complement each other with the exception of three courses.
- There are 129 students with a declared major of AS in Nursing Preparation.
 - All students will be able to continue in the program through completion since all courses in the degree plan will continue to be offered at TSTC Harlingen or
 - Students can change their degree plan to AS in Biology. The degree plan for AS in Nursing Preparation and AS in Biology complement each other with the exception of four courses.

No students or faculty will be negatively impacted by this change. Faculty in the affected programs also serve as faculty in the stated comparable programs. No additional costs will be incurred by the students that choose to change their major.

We hereby request approval for the closure of these three (3) programs. Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at cesar.maldonado@tstc.edu or our Accreditation Liaison, Dr. Stella Garcia at stella.garcia@tstc.edu.

Sincerely,



Dr. Cesar Maldonado, P.E.
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