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Dr. Cesar Maldonado  
President  
Texas State Technical College - Harlingen  
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Dear Dr. Maldonado:

Thank you for your letter, dated January 24, 2014, regarding Texas State Technical College - Harlingen's intent to terminate the following programs, effective spring 2014:

- A.A.S. in Computer Science Software Development (CSSD)
- A.S. in Nursing Preparation
- A.S. in Health Professions

In all cases, no students have been admitted to the programs as of spring 2014. All currently enrolled students are being advised regarding the decision to terminate the program and provided the opportunity to complete program requirements or transfer to a comparable program. Program-specific information is as follows:

- **A.A.S in Computer Science Software Development (CSSD)**
  - Seven (7) students are identified as CSSD majors
    - Two (2) students have already changed degree plans
    - Four (4) are not currently enrolled, nor are they in good academic standing
    - One (1) is not enrolled but is in good academic standing; credits completed may be applied to any of the following degree plans:
      - A.S. in Computer Science
      - A.A.S. in Computer System Management Technology
      - A.A.S. in Computer Network and Security
    - Students not currently enrolled will receive a letter regarding program termination and advised regarding program options upon return to the college
- **A.S. in Nursing Preparation**
  - 129 students are identified as A.S. in Nursing Preparation majors
    - All students will be able to continue in the program through completion as all courses in the degree plan remain intact and are offered by the college
    - All students additionally have the option to change the degree major to the A.S. in Biology program
      - The degree plan for the A.S. in Nursing Preparation and the A.S. in Biology complement each other with the exception of four (4) courses
- **A.S. in Health Professions**
  - 24 students are identified as A.S. in Health Professions majors
    - All students will be able to continue in the program through completion as all courses in the degree plan remain intact and are offered by the college
    - All students additionally have the option to change the degree major to the A.S. in Biology program
      - The degree plan for the A.S. in Nursing Preparation and the A.S. in Biology complement each other with the exception of three (3) courses

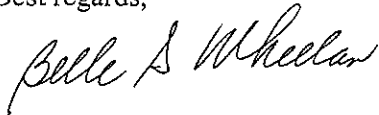
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There is no impact to faculty associated with program termination as all faculty in the affected programs also serve as faculty in the related, or comparable, programs.

**The Commission approves termination of the identified programs and will add this information to the institution's files.**

Best regards,



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President

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