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Dear Dr. Wheelan,

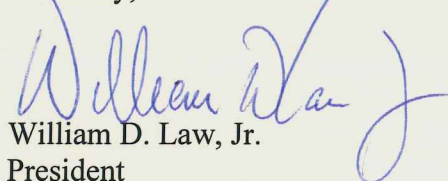
As a result of the November 20, 2012 approval of our Board of Trustees, we would like to notify you that we are closing our Medical Laboratory Technology (MLT) Program effective Spring 2012-2013. This action was taken after extensive review and analysis of the following factors: low enrollment in the program due to unavailability of clinical spaces for students, a decrease in online enrollment caused by increased national competition, and a diminishing job market due to laboratory consolidation and staff reductions.

We have prepared individual teach out plans for each student currently enrolled in the MLT program. Designated counselors have been assigned to work with each of the special populations – currently enrolled MLT students and students who were coded as Pre-MLT students. Currently enrolled MLT students have been notified of the course offering schedule to accommodate their completion of the MLT program. All pre-MLT students have been advised that we are no longer accepting new students into the program. They will be invited to meet with the designated counselor to discuss their career options.

Faculty currently teaching in the program will not be impacted at this time. Faculty course loads will not change over the next few years as we carry out the course offering schedule to accommodate currently enrolled students. More than half of the current students will graduate by the end of the first year. This schedule is based upon the current course offerings, and is expected to diminish within three years.

If you have need for further information, please feel free to contact our SACS Liaison, Dr. Janice Thiel at (727) 341-3110 or Thiel.Janice@SPCollege.edu.

Sincerely,


William D. Law, Jr.
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