



March 18, 2013

Dr. William D. Law, Jr.
President
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Dear Dr. Law:

Thank you for your letter of December 3, 2012, notifying the Commission on Colleges of the institution's plan to close the A.S. in Medical Laboratory Technology degree program, effective spring 2013.

The action was taken due to low enrollment in the program resulting from national competition, the unavailability of clinical spaces for students, and a diminishing job market due to laboratory consolidation and staff reductions.

Counselors have been assigned to work with two groups of students, those currently enrolled and those coded as Pre-MLT. Currently enrolled students have been notified of the schedule of courses that accommodates their completion of the program at the institution. All pre-MLT students have been advised that no new students will be admitted to the program and will be invited to meet with a counselor to discuss their options.

Faculty members teaching in the program are unaffected at this time as course offerings will continue to allow students to complete the program. More than half of the students will graduate after the first year of the teach-out. The schedule of courses will diminish over three years.

We approve the closure of the A.S. in Medical Laboratory Technology degree program and request no further information.

Best regards,

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.
President

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cc: Dr. Janice L. Thiel, Director of Quality Enhancement Plan ✓
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