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April 3, 2017

Dr. Belle Wheelan  
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools  
Commission on Colleges  
1866 Southern Lane  
Decatur, GA 30033

Dear Dr. Wheelan:

Please be informed that Lanier Technical College plans to begin offering a Health Information Management Coding Diploma program at our Oakwood (main) campus, beginning August 2017. The proposed program is a repackaging of existing curriculum, with 83% of the curriculum currently being offered in our Health Information Management Technology AAS degree program.

The proposed offering is a direct response to repeated requests from potential students and service-area stakeholders for a program specifically focusing on medical coding. The program will serve this need as well as serve as a pathway to the more general and remunerative Healthcare Information Management Technology AAS degree program.

Please respond with a letter indicating the Commission's judgment regarding LTC offering this program expansion.

Should you have any questions, please contact our Accreditation Liaison, Dr. Joanne Tolleson, at [jtolleso@laniertech.edu](mailto:jtolleso@laniertech.edu) or (678) 341-6640.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Ray Perren".

D. Ray Perren, D.S.L.  
President

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cc: Dr. Joanne Tolleson