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January 19, 2016

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

Dear Dr. Wheelan:

Lanier Technical College has decided to terminate our Healthcare Management Technology AAS degree program currently offered at the Oakwood Campus, as another, more recently developed program – Healthcare Information Technology – serves a similar purpose and leads to a certification that will give graduates greater career opportunities. The anticipated final closure date of the program is January 1, 2018.

Lanier Technical College is taking appropriate actions to ensure the equitable treatment of students and a reasonable opportunity for students to complete their chosen program of study. The College will immediately suspend admission into the Healthcare Management Technology program. Prospective students with pending applications will be advised to apply to the Healthcare Information Technology program or another Healthcare Science program.

Students currently enrolled in the program will be informed of the College's decision to close the program by letter. Notification letters will be followed up with phone calls from academic advisors. Advisors will outline a strategy to ensure the students' successful completion of the program.

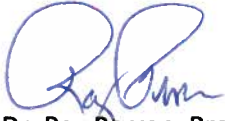
To cause minimal disruption to students' academic progress, courses in the program will be offered by the College prior to the anticipated program closure date, at which point the program will no longer be available. The establishment of a program closure date is based on an audit of student transcripts. Students will be properly advised so that they complete their program of study prior to the termination date. Additionally, the College will assist interested students in transferring to Healthcare Information Technology without incurring additional expenses.

Please respond with a letter of notification indicating the Commission's judgment regarding the proposed teach-out plan.

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Should you have any questions, please contact our Accreditation Liaison, Dr. Joanne Tolleson, at jtolleso@laniertech.edu or 678.341.6640.

Sincerely,

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

Dr. Ray Perren, President
Lanier Technical College

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Enclosure