

October 30, 2013

Dr. Ray Perren
President
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Dear Dr. Perren:

Thank you for your letter of July 22, 2013, notifying the Commission on Colleges of the institution's intention to begin offering the A.A.S. in Medical Assisting degree program, effective fall 2013. The College faculty and administration believe this degree program will be a great benefit to students.

While Medical Assisting is a valuable occupation in its own right, it also often serves as a career pathway into the allied health field. Combining the occupational content of the approved Medical Assisting diploma and the general education courses of the associate degree, students will be positioned to enter the workforce or continue their post-secondary education.

Since the planned program is a complete repackaging of currently approved programs, it is not a significant departure. We acknowledge the information and will add it to our file.

Best regards,
Belle S. Wheelar

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President

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cc: Dr. Joanne Tolleson, Vice President, Institutional Effectiveness & Operations at Forsyth

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