



July 22, 2012

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

Dear Dr. Wheelan:

I am writing to inform you that Lanier Technical College plans to begin offering Medical Assisting AAS degree program in August 2013.

The program faculty and College administration believe this additional program offering will be of great benefit to our 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. By taking the occupational content of our current Medical Assisting diploma program as well as the general education courses of an associate's degree, students graduating from this program will be positioned either to enter the workforce or to continue their post-secondary education.

Because the planned program is a 100% repackaging of currently offered courses, we do not believe this addition to our program offerings constitutes a substantive change requiring a prospectus for approval.

Should you have any questions, please contact our COC Liaison, Dr. Joanne Tolleson. She can be reached at 770.781.6950 or jtolleso@laniertech.edu.

Sincerely,

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

Dr. Ray Perren
President, Lanier Technical College

cc: Dr. Steven Sheeley