



February 12, 2013

Mr. Russell Vandiver
President
Lanier Technical College
2990 Landrum Education Drive
Oakwood, GA 30566

Dear Mr. Vandiver:

Thank you for your letter of October 31, 2012, transmitting a prospectus for the Patient Navigator Technical Certificate of Credit program to be offered, effective August 2013.

The Patient Navigator program will be offered in face-to-face format as well as hybrid and distance education formats. Courses focus on the structure of U.S. health care systems, chronic disease treatment and prevention, preventive health care, communication techniques, and methods of assisting patients during medical treatment. The program will be targeted to individuals who have earned an associate's degree in a health or medical field or social work and who have a minimum of three years of relevant work experience dealing with aiding patients in a health care system.

The program is consistent with the strategic plan and mission of the institution. Courses required for the certificate were listed. The College offers other health care programs as well. Evidence of assessment of need was provided. Administrative oversight of the program will be provided by the Campus Dean at the Jackson and Winder campuses and the Dean of Academic Affairs at the Main/Oakwood Campus, who each report to the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Discipline-specific learning resources were listed. Adequacy of resources to support the program was documented. Financial resources appear adequate. No new physical facilities or equipment will be required. Methods of assessment of the program were listed. Qualifications of faculty members teaching in the program appear appropriate.

We approve the Patient Navigator Technical Certificate of Credit to be offered, effective August 2013, and request no further information.

Enclosed is an invoice for \$300 to help defray the cost of reviewing the prospectus.

Best regards,

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.
President

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Enclosure

cc: Joanne Tolleson, Vice President, Institutional Effectiveness and Operations at Forsyth Campus
Dr. Steven M. Sheeley