I would like to personally invite you, as an accredited institution or program, or applicant for accreditation, to a new, complementary pre-conference session that has recently been added to the 9th annual National Conference on Allied Health Education. The conference is being held February 22-24, 2012, at the Encore Resort and Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada. This session is designed to share ABHES requirements resulting from recent changes in accreditation requirements, some due to revisions to federal regulations governing the recognition of accrediting agencies.

This valuable session titled “ABHES Updates: Partnering Towards Compliance” is being held on Wednesday, February 22, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and will be hosted by ABHES senior staff. Again, the session is offered at no cost and, while still in its final development, includes:

**I Have to Prove What?? : Graduate Employment and Credentialing**

Every accredited institution and program must demonstrate that its graduates go to work using the skills learned in the program and that they pass credentialing exams required to work in their respective fields. What do you need to do, and when, in order to meet these requirements? What happens when you do not? This session exams tips and traps in graduate outcomes.

**Tools and Tips for Submitting Responses Electronically**

Have you heard? Institution responses to on-site evaluation reports and other submissions to ABHES must be submitted in an electronic format. Not sure the best way to do that? This session is designed for you! Learn the best practices to efficiently prepare your institution's responses for submission and suggestions for software packages that make the job easier. Whether you are a .PDF master or just getting started, this session will give you the information you need to get your responses prepped and ready to go.

**Program Modifications – Recognition of Out-of-Class Work and Preparation**

This session is designed to share ABHES requirements resulting from the change in federal regulations concerning the recognition of out-of-class work and preparation. Participants will learn the Commission’s expectations relative to the inclusion of institutional policies and procedures and out-of-class work and preparation and the necessary requisites for approvals. The participants will also learn how to document these activities in order to comply with an on-site evaluation. School personnel are encouraged to bring samples of documents to share during the session.

While there is no fee for the session, REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Please visit www.abhes.org (Register for Upcoming Events and select Pre-Conference Sessions). Space is very limited. Also, the ABHES block of sleeping rooms is nearly sold out at $179 per night. **Call Encore’s reservation line at 1-866-770-7555 and use group code 6ANC0212 – hurry the group rate expires on January 30, 2012.**

I look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,

**Carol Moneymaker**

Executive Director