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Campus President
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201 Willowbrook Boulevard, 2nd Floor
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Dear [REDACTED]

Pursuant to Chapter III, Section C of the ABHES *Accreditation Manual*, the institution did not appeal the Commission's action to withdraw the approval of the Massage Therapy – Certificate program from the institution's grant of institutional accreditation. Accordingly, the decision to withdraw the approval of the program is final.

Under Chapter III, Section C, Subsection 6, accreditation may be extended until a program has had reasonable time to complete the activities in its teach-out plan or to fulfill the obligations of a teach-out agreement to assist students in transferring or completing their programs. The chart below affirms the approval expiration date for the Massage Therapy – Certificate program. The expiration date is based on the expected graduation date of the six remaining students noted as currently enrolled in teach out plans submitted to ABHES.

| Program | Date Enrollment Ceased | # of Students Currently Enrolled | Program Approval Expiration Date |
|-----------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Massage Therapy | 3/29/21 | 6 | 10/6/2021 |

The institution may not reapply to ABHES for approval of the program, or for programs that are substantially the same, within twelve (12) months from the Program Approval Expiration Date noted in the chart. The institution may not allow any students who have previously dropped to reenter during the teach-out.

Chapter I, Section B, Subsection 1 of the *Accreditation Manual* states that, within 60 days of the date of this letter, the Commission provides to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education, appropriate state agencies, recognized accrediting agencies, and the public a brief statement summarizing the reasons for this negative action and the official comments, if any, that your institution wishes to make with regard to this decision, or in the absence of official comment from your institution, evidence that the institution or program was offered the opportunity to provide official comment. **Consequently, if you wish to make a brief official written comment on this negative action you must do so within 10 calendar days of the date of this letter.** You are not required to make such statement, and failure to do so within the time allotted will be understood as a decision not to comment.

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The institution is reminded that it must, at this time, discontinue any reference to the noted program in its publications, including the institutional website, catalog, and other print materials.

The U.S. Department of Education, the appropriate State licensing or authorizing agency, the appropriate accrediting agency, and the public have been notified of this action in compliance with 34 Code of Federal Regulations § 602.26 *et seq* and Chapter III of the *Accreditation Manual*.

If you have any questions concerning this correspondence, please contact me at (703) 917-9503.

Sincerely,



India Y. Tips
Executive Director

Attachment: August 12, 2021 ABHES Letter

c: ██████████ U.S. Department of Education
██████████ New Jersey Center for Occupational Employment Information
██████████ New Jersey Office of the Secretary of Higher Education