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October 5, 2022

ID#: I-090

[REDACTED]
Director
Florida Institute of Ultrasound
8800 University Parkway, Suite A4
Pensacola, FL 32514

Dear [REDACTED]:

This letter is to confirm receipt of your letter, dated September 26, 2022, informing ABHES of your decision not to continue with the appeal of the Commission's action to withdraw the current grant of accreditation of Florida Institute of Ultrasound based upon the details outlined in the Commission's August 11, 2022 letter.¹ The Commission's action is now final effective as of **October 6, 2022**.

We understood your September 26, 2022 letter to include a request to ABHES to continue accreditation in order to permit the institution to complete a teach out of its actively enrolled students who started in the Diagnostic Medical Sonography – Certificate program, which is the institution's only ABHES-approved program, per its updated teach out plan and student roster dated September 7, 2022.² As the institution has noted through submission of its student roster, 54 students are anticipated to complete the program on or before June 23, 2023.

The request to continue accreditation to June 23, 2023 for teach out purposes only under Chapter III, Section C, Subsection 6 is approved. **No new students may be included in the program being taught out and there will be no extensions of the June 23, 2023 teach-out ending date.**

Program	Number of Students Currently Enrolled (as of September 7, 2022)	Program Approval Expiration Date
Diagnostic Medical Sonography - Certificate	54	June 23, 2023

It is the Commission's expectation that the institution will provide the same level of quality education to students who are part of the teach-out as they complete their program. The institution must maintain compliance with accreditation standards as outlined in the most current ABHES *Accreditation Manual* and carry-out any Commission directives to maintain accreditation for the program through the conclusion of

¹ See August 11, 2022 letter to the institution.

² The updated teach out plan submitted to ABHES for the Diagnostic Medical Sonography - Certificate program.

the teach out. The institution is reminded that no new student enrollments or re-enrollments are permitted during the designated teach-out period.

Submission Procedures and Requirements

The institution is directed to submit the following:

1. Student disclosure

By **October 17, 2022**, the institution must submit, online via [DropBox Forms/Applications](#) evidence it has published a new student disclosure notice **within seven business days of the date of this letter** informing enrolled and prospective students of the withdrawal action and update regarding the teach out plan being maintained for the Diagnostic Medical Sonography – Certificate program.³

2. Periodic Update on Teach Out

By **November 1, 2022**, the institution must submit, online via [DropBox Forms/Applications](#), its first of three periodic updates on the 54 students indicated on the institution's Student Information Roster, who are scheduled to complete the Teach Out by June 23, 2023. Subsequent updates must also be submitted by March 1, 2023, with a final submission due by June 1, 2023.

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.

An institution that has had its accreditation withdrawn may not re-apply for accreditation until a period of one year from the final effective date of accreditation through the teach-out, which is June 23, 2023. An institution or program will be treated procedurally and substantively as if it is a new applicant for accreditation.

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*.

The institution is being provided a refund in the amount of [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] Appeal Expense Deposit. Please allow up to three weeks for processing.

³ This disclosure is also required under 34 Code of Federal Regulations § 668.43(a) (19) which states: "If the institution is required to maintain a teach-out plan by its accrediting agency, notice that the institution is required to maintain such teach-out plan and the reason that the accrediting agency required such plan under § 602.24(c)(1). . ."

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "India Y. Tips". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

India Y. Tips
Executive Director

Attachment: August 11, 2022 Commission action letter

c: Herman Bounds, U.S. Department of Education
Joey Smith, Florida Commission for Independent Education
ABHES Accounting