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Dear Dr. Leslie:

Thank you for your letter informing us of the changes to The University of Texas at Austin’s Bachelor of Science in Nursing with a major in Nursing degree program. The increase in semester credit hours (SCH) from 128 SCH to 129 SCH represents a change in course offerings in microbiology. According to Dr. Ritter’s letter of September 1, 2010, the new three-credit course is expected to enhance the student’s knowledge of interdisciplinary education and offers the student more flexibility in transferring to other nursing schools in the state.

In that same letter, Dr. Ritter states that the 129-hour degree plan is affected by requirements of the Texas Board of Nursing, the accreditation requirements of the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, and the core curriculum requirements of the university. Those requirements represent the academic compelling reason for exceeding the 120 SCH limit for baccalaureate degree programs.

Endosed is an Information Sheet for your reporting official that reflects an implementation date of September 21, 2010. We will update our program inventory to reflect the change in the program’s SCH requirements.

Sincerely,

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