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ST. PHILIP'S COLLEGE
Office of the President

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Dr. Belle Wheelan, President
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Commission on Colleges
1866 Southern Lane
Decatur, GA 30033

Dear Dr. Wheelan,

St. Philip's is pleased to notify you of the substantive change scheduled for fall 2016. The change relates to Substantive Change Procedure One: The Review of Substantive Changes Requiring Notification and Approval Prior to Implementation. The outlined change will modify the Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Continuing Education program from clock hours to 16 semester credit hours, consequently leading to a Level I Certificate.

The Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) program at St. Philip's College will allow graduating students to earn semester credit hours which can transfer into the Vocational Nursing (VN) program. St. Philip's College currently offers a Vocational Nursing (VN) program that prepares students to sit for the NCLEX-LVN examination. With the complete licensure of a vocational nurse, there is an opportunity to transition into the LVN to RN nursing mobility program. The LVN to RN nursing mobility program is proposed to begin fall 2016 as an Associate of Applied Science degree.

The Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) program previously offered through the Continuing Education Department will now will be offered in the Nursing Education Department at a credit program.

The proposed curriculum has been approved by the St. Philip's Curriculum Committee on March 3, 2016. Pending approval by the Alamo College Curriculum Council on May 2, 2016, as well as the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the College anticipates offering the semester credit-earning Certified Nursing Assistant (CAN) program in the fall 2016.

The new program and its requirements are outlined below:

Certified Nursing Assistant Program Requirements Include:
Requires no new courses
Requires no new faculty
No similar programs currently offered at St. Philip's College
College's Operational Budget and Title III funding to provide new resource base and equipment

Clock hours will convert to credit hours as shown below:

	Lecture	Lab	External	Contact	Credit
Semester I					
NURA 1401 NURSE AIDE FOR HEALTH CARE	4	0	0	64	4
NURA 1407 BODY SYSTEMS	3	2	0	80	4
NURA 1491 SPECIAL TOPICS IN NURSING ASSISTANT/AIDE – SIMULATION LAB	2	4	0	96	4
NURA 1460 CLINICAL – NURSING ASSISTANT / AIDE AND PATIENT CARE ASSISTANT/AIDE	0	0	16	256	4
Totals	9	6	16	496	16

Please find the previous course information and the current proposed curriculum attached.

I look forward to working with you and your staff to insure St. Philip's College maintains compliance with the Commission's guidelines. Please contact me if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,



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President