



Dear Student,

On February 12, 2021, Mildred Elley's institutional accrediting body, the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools ("ABHES"), informed the College that it had demonstrated positive progress at achieving the required placement and retention outcomes and has vacated the previous show cause status. Instead, ABHES has placed certain programs that are performing below ABHES benchmarks for retention or placement on a program-specific warning.

We believe that our program outcomes have been impacted by the current national emergency related to COVID-19. Since the pandemic and the accompanying economic recession began, institutions throughout Higher Education have experienced higher levels of student withdrawals and the overall unemployment rate has increased. Unfortunately, our College has not been spared the repercussions of these external events and their effect on our outcomes.

The College expects that the progress it has demonstrated will continue and that it will be able to satisfactorily address ABHES' concerns. If it successfully does so, programs will be removed from the program-specific warning status. As a precaution, the institution is required to maintain a programmatic teach-out plan by ABHES in the event the institution is unable to achieve the required program outcomes. In connection with the program specific warning status, ABHES has requested an update on the College's progress with its action plans to improve program outcomes. The College's response to ABHES is due on July 2, 2021 and will be reviewed by ABHES' Commission in their meeting scheduled for July 2021.

As for the College's response to ABHES, we are in the process of aggressively implementing multiple initiatives which are designed to allow the College to demonstrate further improvement in program retention and employment placement across all our programs, including those currently designated under the program specific warning. Our action plan will also meet additional ABHES requirements and will continue to ensure that every student has the opportunity to successfully complete their academic program at the College.

Please know that the College's leadership will remain very focused on resolving all of the issues with respect to program-specific warnings and we will provide additional updates as they are warranted. Should you have any questions, you may send an email to: meadministration@mildred-elley.edu.

Sincerely,

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