



Dear Student,

On February 14, 2024, Mildred Elley's institutional accrediting body, the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools ("ABHES"), informed the College that it has placed the Massage Therapy program at our New York, New York Campus on a program-specific warning related to the calculated program placement rate for our most recent reporting cycle, which we submitted to ABHES on November 1, 2023. The placement rate submitted to ABHES in the Fall of 2023 reflects the employment outcomes for students who completed the Massage Therapy ("MT") program between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023. The placement rate is calculated by dividing the number of graduates placed in the field of Massage Therapy by the total number of graduates who were available for placement (this number excludes students who were unable to work due to health-related issues, military obligations, incarceration, continuing education status, or death.)

ABHES has asked the College to continue tracking the placement outcomes of students that completed their program in the 2022 – 2023 period described above. Since the College made its initial report to ABHES on November 1, 2023, the College has been able to confirm that additional MT program completers have obtained employment. As a result of these additional placements, the MT program placement rate now stands at 75% for the 2022-2023 reporting cohort. This exceeds the 70% benchmark placement rate for ABHES.

We expect that the progress the College has demonstrated, as reflected in the updated statistics for 2022-2023 reporting period, will continue and that we will be able to satisfactorily alleviate any concerns ABHES may have regarding the program's placement outcomes. Therefore, we reasonably expect that when ABHES reviews the updated results for the 2022-2023 reporting period, ABHES will remove the program from warning status. As a precaution, any institution that has a program on warning status with ABHES is required to maintain a programmatic teach-out plan in the event the institution is unable to achieve the required program outcomes. The College has developed a plan that is consistent with ABHES' requirements, although, at this time, we do not anticipate the need to teach out the program for the reasons mentioned above. 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 no later than May 1, 2024, and will be reviewed by ABHES' Commission in their meeting scheduled for June 2024.

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 placement for the Massage Therapy program. Our action plan is designed to meet all ABHES requirements and provides students with the opportunity to successfully complete their academic program at the College within the published timeframe for the program (96 weeks).

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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