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September 29, 2025

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Dr. Gayathree Raman
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Dear Dr. Raman:

This is to acknowledge that the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools received the New Program (Residential Only) application on July 22, 2025, with additional information received on July 22, 2025, August 12, 2025, and August 20, 2025, regarding the new Biology - Bachelor of Science program. The application and corresponding submitted materials have been reviewed by the Substantive Change Committee and it was determined that the changes reflected below are appropriate and in keeping within the institution's scope of institutional accreditation.

Therefore, ABHES approves the following new program:

Program	Inside Clock Hours	Recognized Outside Clock Hours	Total Clock Hours	Length in Weeks	Academic Credit Hours* Semester	Method of Delivery	Credential Awarded
Biology	2115.00	3570.00	5685.00	84	120	Residential	Bachelor of Science

** Based on required academic conversions per standard, IV.G.1.a. of the Accreditation Manual.*

Commission approval does not constitute eligibility to participate in or comply with Federal Title IV programs. You are advised to research all relevant requirements regarding calculations governing Title IV eligibility, should you wish to participate in Federal Financial Assistance programs.

Per the Application, the program was noted to start on **September 29, 2025**. If the program does not commence enrollment within one year of this approval notification, you are directed to notify ABHES. Any approved program that has not been in operation for a continuous twelve-month period is considered discontinued and reapplication is necessary (see III.B.4.a.iii. and III.B.5.a. of the *Accreditation Manual*).

In keeping with ABHES' policy for significant departure and an increase in the level of credential awarded, an evaluation by appropriate specialist(s) will be conducted in Fall 2026. A staff member will contact you to

schedule the review. The results of the evaluation will be considered by the Commission at its January 2027 meeting.

The Commission will be apprised by the Executive Director of any institution or program that undergoes, and is approved for, three substantive changes within any twelve- month period. The Commission will consider the need for a comprehensive evaluation, including a Self-Evaluation Report and Team Visit Report, and accreditation decision by the Commission based upon the nature of the changes, their potential impact on the operation, and the extent to which accumulated changes have so transformed the institution or program that it has, in effect, ceased to operate under the conditions upon which the grant of accreditation was originally based, as outlined in III.B.3. of the ABHES *Accreditation Manual*. The approval of the Bachelor in Science in Biology credential represents two substantive changes, concurrent with the approval of the applications for the new Health Science Bachelor's degree and the Medical Assisting Associate degree.

Since the noted program is in a non-allied health field, the institution is further reminded that it must ensure its continued compliance with ABHES eligibility requirements in order to remain accredited: (a) 70% or greater of its students are enrolled in active programs in the health field or (b) 70% or greater of its active programs are in the health education field and at least 50% of its students are enrolled in those programs. (see II.A.1.a.2. of the ABHES *Accreditation Manual*).

Please contact me at (571) 282-0061 or via email at ccalarusse@abhес.org if you have any questions or need assistance. Thank you for keeping ABHES apprised of the changes at your institution.

Sincerely,



Crystal Calarusse
Associate Executive Director of Program Development and Innovation

c: Nkechi Onwuameze, Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE)



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Therefore, ABHES approves the following new program:

Program	Inside Clock Hours	Recognized Outside Clock Hours	Total Clock Hours	Length in Weeks	Academic Credit Hours* Semester	Method of Delivery	Credential Awarded
Health Science	2010.00	3510.00	5520.00	84	120	Residential	Bachelor of Health Science

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Therefore, ABHES approves the following new program:

Program	Inside Clock Hours	Recognized Outside Clock Hours	Total Clock Hours	Length in Weeks	Academic Credit Hours* Semester	Method of Delivery	Credential Awarded
Medical Assisting	1195.00	453.75	1648.75	60	64	Residential	Associate of Applied Science

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Since the noted program is in a non-allied health field, the institution is further reminded that it must ensure its continued compliance with ABHES eligibility requirements in order to remain accredited: (a) 70% or greater of its students are enrolled in active programs in the health field or (b) 70% or greater of its active programs are in the health education field and at least 50% of its students are enrolled in those programs. (see II.A.1.a.2. of the *ABHES Accreditation Manual*).

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