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To: Connie Patterson PhD, Chair, Programs Committee, University Curriculum Council (UCC)

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Subject: Medical Assisting Technology Associate Degree Program

We are writing to inform the University Curriculum Council of plans to expand offering the Associate of Applied Science degree program in Medical Assisting Technology (MAT) to the Chillicothe and Southern campuses. Currently this program is only offered at the Lancaster campus. The Lancaster campus will remain the “home” campus for the degree program as the Director of the MAT program is a faculty member on the Lancaster campus. It is our hope that all three campuses will begin offering the degree by the Fall of the 2019-20 academic year.

It should be noted that we are all in support of offering the MAT program on the two additional campuses. Through the Nursing Programs on the Chillicothe and Southern campuses, the required physical/lab facilities and faculty resources are available to offer the degree. The MAT curriculum offered to earn the degree will be identical on all three campus locations. As the program grows on the Chillicothe and Southern campuses, a Group I or II faculty member for each campus will be hired to teach and advise students exclusively in the MAT program. This expansion is occurring because there are significant career opportunities available for Medical Assistants in the Chillicothe and Southern service regions and as a result it is anticipated there will be significant student interest in completion of the degree program.

Please do not hesitate in contacting Dean Martin Tuck (740-774-7222, tuck@ohio.edu) if you have questions about the intent to expand the offering of this program.