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Ms. Shanda Diehl
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Dear Associate Vice President Diehl:

This is in reply to electronic correspondence received in our office on March 22, 2018, requesting approval from the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) for Clark College to add a Bachelor of Applied Science degree program in Human Services (BASHS), effective Fall 2018. The College's Instructional Planning Team approved the BASHS degree program on October 23, 2017, while the Washington State Board of Community and Technical Colleges approved the degree program on February 8, 2018.

The BASHS degree program requires 180 quarter credits to completion and is built upon the resources and capacity of the College's existing Health Care offerings, and specifically, the offerings in Addiction Counselor Education which meet the educational requirements for the Washington State Chemical Dependency Professional Exam as well as accreditation standards of the National Addiction Studies Accreditation Commission. Industry growth in this area is anticipated to increase by 29% over the next ten years. Student learning outcomes are aligned with the Alaskan Core Competencies for Direct Care Workers in Health and Human Services. The College plans for annual funds for the library to expand its collection in this area as well as dedicated library support staff. Existing faculty are qualified to deliver the curriculum and those faculty with teaching assignments that require certification will do so within prescribed timelines.

The Commission has approved the abovementioned change as a *minor change* under Commission Policy, *Substantive Change*. Accordingly, the addition of the Bachelor of Applied Science degree program in Human Services is now included under the accreditation of Clark College.

Thank you for keeping the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities apprised of developments and initiatives at Clark College. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Pamela J. Goad
Senior Vice President

c: Mr. Robert Knight, President
Dr. Marlene Moore, President, NWCCU