

September 15, 2017

Re: Routing Memo for Planning Notification to Provost; Master of Clinical Nutrition

1. Dr. David Reed, Associate Dean for Graduate Programs and Faculty Development, COALS
2. Deena McConnell, J.D. Associate VP for Administrative and Academic Affairs
3. Dr. Carol Fierke, Provost, Texas A&M University

Degree Title: Master of Clinical Nutrition

Level: Master's Degree

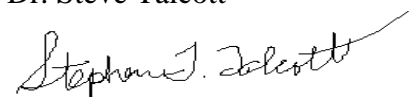
Proposed CIP Code: 19.0501

Proposed Proposal Submission: September 2017

Program Description: The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences is proposing a new professional degree program as a Master of Clinical Nutrition for Fall 2019 for Texas A&M University, College Station, TX. The program capitalizes on the current and future need for registered dietitians in Texas and nationwide, to advance nutrition in the treatment and prevention of acute and chronic disease. Starting in 2024, The Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics and the Commission on Dietetic Registration will *require* at least a Master's degree to be administered the national credentialing exam to become a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN). Texas A&M University and the Department of Nutrition and Food Science are uniquely positioned to offer a strong background in nutritional biochemistry followed by a mandatory clinical dietetic internship with approved preceptors to meet and exceed the national standards for our students to become an RDN.

Thank you for reviewing this proposal.

Best Regards,
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