MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

Nursing

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Andy D. Perkins, PhD
Professor and Associate Department Head
Department of Computer Science and Engineering
University Committee on Courses and Curricula Chair
Mississippi State University

Re: Letter of Support – MSN program

Dr. Perkins:

Please accept this letter of support on behalf of the inaugural faculty of the proposed Mississippi State University-Accelerated Master of Science in Nursing program.

As a team, we have created a program proposal and curriculum reflective of our collective clinical and teaching expertise and guided by the most rigorous national standards for nursing education. Graduates will demonstrate competency for entry to practice as outlined by the American Association of Colleges of *Nursing's The Essentials: Core Competencies for Professional Nursing Education*.

We fully support the curriculum as proposed and appreciate your review.

Sincerely,

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Matthew Byrd, MSN, RN, CCRN, Assistant Clinical Professor

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