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ABHES BULLETIN

To: ABHES-Accredited Institutions and Programs

From: Carol A. Moneymaker, Executive Director

Date: August 28, 2012

Ref: Suspension of August 3, 2012, *Accreditation Manual* Requirements

On August 3, 2012, the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES or the Commission) issued changes to Chapter IV, Section G.2., of the *Accreditation Manual*. The language addresses new requirements regarding credit hour conversions and the recognition of additional outside (student preparation) hours.

Since that notification, the Commission received feedback relative to the new standards and determined that additional review and consideration is necessary. **Therefore, the *Accreditation Manual (IV.G.2.A. and B.)* language contained in the August 3, 2012, ABHES Bulletin has been suspended.** Institutions and programs are directed to continue with all applicable accreditation requirements prior to August 3, 2012. Further, institutions and programs are advised to submit applications regarding the recognition of outside (student preparation) hours under the former requirements until such time ABHES makes a final determination regarding credit hour conversion requirements.

Please be advised for those institutions and programs previously approved for the recognition of outside hours, approval remains in place and the on-site evaluation of these educational activities will occur as described in the August 3, 2012, Bulletin (On-site Evaluation Requirements). A follow-up notice, however, will be forwarded to ABHES-accredited institutions and programs once the Commission makes a final determination regarding the *Accreditation Manual* requirements and the processes therein relative to credit hour conversions and the recognition of outside (student preparation) hours.

For questions regarding the Commission's current policies in this regard, please contact Christopher Eaton, Associate Executive Director, at 703.917.9503 or ceaton@abhes.org or Thomas J. Cornacchia, Director of Curriculum and Policy Development, at 703.917.9596 or tcornacchia@abhes.org.