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Ms. Summer Kenesson
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Dear Director Kenesson:

This is in reply to electronic correspondence received in our office on December 22, 2017, requesting approval from the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) for Pacific Lutheran University to add two new Post-Graduate Certificate programs to its education offerings, effective June 2018. The Post-Graduate Certificate program in Family Nurse Practitioner requires 33 semester credits to completion and the Post-Graduate Certificate program in Psychiatric Mental Health Practitioner requires 41 semester credits to completion. The University Faculty Assembly reviewed and approved the addition of these two new post-graduate certificate programs on December 9, 2016, and the University Board of Regents authorized the University to add the two new post-graduate certificate programs on May 6, 2017. Building upon existing programs and existing faculty content expertise, Pacific Lutheran University has existing resources and capacity to offer the abovementioned post-graduate certificate programs.

The Commission has approved the abovementioned changes as *minor changes* under Commission Policy, *Substantive Change*. Accordingly, the addition of the Post-Graduate Certificate program in Family Nurse Practitioner and the Post-Graduate Certificate program in Psychiatric Mental Health Practitioner is now included under the accreditation of Pacific Lutheran University.

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

Sincerely,

Valerie W. Martinez
Vice President

c: Mr. Allan Belton, Acting President and Chief Financial Officer
Dr. Marlene Moore, President, NWCCU