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TO: Presidents, Alabama Community College System
Deans of Student Services, Alabama Community College System
Presidents' Assistants, Alabama Community College System

FROM: Kenneth Kirkland, Director of Health Programs 

RE: Standardized Exams for Nursing Program Admissions

As a result of COVID-19's effects on the availability of the ACT national and residual exams and the reliance on the ACT composite score in nursing program admissions criteria, the following guidance is provided to aid programs in their decision-making processes. Nursing programs, with the support of their college administration, can choose any of the following choices in lieu of the ACT composite scoring to admit new students:

- 1) Choose an alternative admissions test (e.g. TEAS, HESI Entrance test, etc.)
- 2) Waive the ACT requirement
- 3) Other local decision based on support of their college administration

This guidance should only pertain to the students submitting new program applications to start nursing programs in fall 2020. Nursing programs should ensure their plan of action meets any reporting requirements set forth by the Alabama Board of Nursing or ACEN. Additionally, students should receive notice of which admissions process they should meet prior to application deadlines through normal college notification processes (e.g. website, email distribution lists, etc.).

If further guidance is needed, please contact Kenneth Kirkland, Director of Health Programs, at 334-293-4519 or via email at Kenneth.kirkland@accs.edu

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