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Dear Dr. Witzke,

I have read and fully support the proposal for providing online education to enable registered nurses to complete a BS in nursing. There is clearly a need for increasing quality health care, and by collaborating with the local healthcare system and the community college you have a good pipeline for students. As this is completely online, I think that there will be room for growth to other communities.

There would be no negative effects to our Microbiology or BioHealth Sciences programs, as we dropped the pre-nursing option two years ago. However, we are currently developing online courses (Immunology, Allied Health Microbiology) that may fit well as options in your program and I'd be happy to discuss those with you, or send you the syllabi.

I wish you luck with your new program

Sincerely,

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