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Re: University of Louisville Clinical Skills in Health Professions Certificate

Dear Committee Members,

On behalf of the University of Louisville School of Medicine (SoM), I am pleased to extend our enthusiastic support of the Clinical Skills in Health Professions Certificate. The School of Medicine was in full support of the original proposal to the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education for the Health Workforce Collaborative (HWC) and this certificate is an important academic credential offering in support of the vision of the HWC grant.

The mission of the School of Medicine is to improve the health and vitality of our community, our commonwealth, and our world by educating the next generation of physicians and scientists, providing high-quality compassionate care, pursuing transformative research, forging strategic partnerships, and striving for inclusive excellence. As such, it is critical that we recruit, motivate, and educate the next generation of physicians, scientists, and healthcare providers. The Clinical Skills in Health Professions Certificate will provide essential support to grow our healthcare pathway.

The SoM offers a myriad of partnership opportunities for students enrolled in healthcare related programs and we are happy to offer our collaborative support and partnership in academics, research, patient care and community outreach. We fully endorse the Clinical Skills in Health Professions Certificate proposal and look forward to a productive, collaborative relationship with schools and units across the University of Louisville to help address the critical shortage of healthcare professionals.

Sincerely,

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