

September 26, 2024

Provost Program Proposal Review Committee

University of Louisville

Re: Final Program Proposal – Graduate Certificate in Holistic Sport Coaching Education

Dear PPPRC Committee:

This letter is to signify my strong support for a new online Graduate Certificate in Holistic Sport Coaching Education. The program design was led by Dr. Andreas Stamatis, Clinical Associate Professor and approved by the Department of Health and Sports Sciences (HSS) and the CEHD Curriculum Committee.

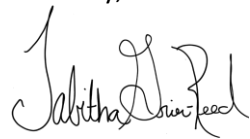
This online graduate certificate program in holistic sport coaching education is designed to elevate the standards of coaching and ensure holistic development and wellbeing of athletes. The institution has a robust foundation in sports education and coaching, supported by experienced faculty and established infrastructure for online education. The program proposal highlights the institution's commitment to quality, continuous improvement, and alignment with National Council for Accreditation of Coaching Education (NCACE) accreditation standards, reinforcing its capability to successfully launch and sustain the program.

The 15-credit hour program caters to aspiring and current coaches seeking advanced training in the multifaceted realm of coaching. This proposed program is intended for students interested in advancing their expertise in holistic sport coaching, including current and aspiring coaches, sports professionals, and educators who wish to enhance their coaching skills. It is designed to enable graduates to immediately enter the workforce with advanced coaching skills, filling a critical market need for professionals trained in holistic, multi-disciplinary aspects of sports coaching.

This program is a vital step in advancing coaching as a profession and enhancing the quality of athletic training and mentorship. The curriculum is designed to focus on the essential role of coaches as educators and mentors with a comprehensive understanding of various knowledge disciplines integral to coaching. This is a critical area of need.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Dean of College of Education and Human Development

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