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UPDATE: per the institution's first quarterly report to CPE, the institution has relayed that it is not closing effective February 2017 and instead remains in operation and conditionally licensed by our agency in teach out mode.

Dear President Taylor:

The Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) has received **Everest University – Tampa – Online (also known as the Brandon campus)**'s Supplementary Application for Notification of Change in Accreditation and Licensure Status Pursuant to 13 KAR 1:020 due to the U.S. Department of Education's decision on December 12, 2016 to withdraw federal recognition of ACICS as an approved accreditor.

The institution was granted provisional certification by the U.S. Department of Education for a limited period to permit the institution to participate in the Title IV, HEA programs. The provisional certification includes in the Addendum Item 3 that if the institution has advised the Department that it will close rather than seek a new accrediting agency, its term of provisional participation will be limited to an orderly close-out, and the institution must immediately cease enrolling students, the institution will not be allowed to add any new programs, and the institution will not be required to submit an application to an alternative accrediting agency.

The institution states that it plans to close February 2017.

This conditional license letter serves to replace our conditional license letter to the institution dated May 27, 2016 due to ACICS placing the institution on probation. Per ACICS' letter to the institution dated December 21, 2016, ACICS vacated the probation order and financial show-cause directive and placed the institution on quarterly financial reporting.

In accordance with KRS 164.945 - .947 and 13 KAR 1:020 Section 7(1)(e), **Everest University – Tampa – Online's** license is conditioned upon **Everest University – Tampa – Online:**

1. Providing CPE with a copy of the institution's Quarterly Financial Report for the six-month period ending December 31, 2016, which is due to ACICS no later than March 3, 2017.
2. Providing CPE with quarterly updates demonstrating that the institution is in compliance with the U.S. Department of Education and its provisional participation agreement and addendum until such time as the institution closes.
3. Providing any other updates upon CPE request.

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If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Sarah Levy, Director of Postsecondary Licensing, at (502) 573-1555, or email at sarah.levy@ky.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert L. King". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail that extends downwards and to the right.

Robert L. King
President

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