

## Anderson,Brenda

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**From:** ben despain [mailto:bcdespain@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 05, 2008 7:38 PM  
**To:** Thomas-Smith,E. Joahanne  
**Subject:** Re: Dallas Offerings

Dr.Thomas-Smith:

It is nice to hear from you! I hope all is well as you prepare for another year.

According to Dr. Tom Bimberg, Chief of Staff and #2 person at SACS, the rule that applied to our efforts in Dallas basically says that it is not a new, different, or separate program as long as one (1) more than 1/2 of the total courses for a degree (in our case it was 7 of 12 course) are offered ON CAMPUS. "On Campus," according to SACS rules, is described as 1.) literally on campus, 2.) an Online course, 3.) an ITV course, 4.) an Independent study course supervised by an on campus professor, or 5.) a Practicum or an internship. That being said, Counseling Students at Dallas needed to take six (6) courses by ITV, On line, or on campus, and take the Practicum for a total of 7 out of 12 courses. In ADMN, because the Internship is after the degree is earned, students needed to take 7 didactic courses "ON CAMPUS"--meaning, again, ITV, on campus, online, or independent study from campus. In either case, the net effect was that so long as no more than 5 courses of a 12 course program were earned at an off campus site with no connection to the campus (via ITV, Internet, Ind. study) everything was OK with SACS.

The basic rule, stated another way--is that so long as the majority of the course work for a degree program is earned "on Campus," there is no need to do more that inform SACS--which was done.

I hope this helps.

Best wishes,  
Ben

--- On Tue, 8/5/08, Thomas-Smith,E. Joahanne <[ejthomas-smith@pvamu.edu](mailto:ejthomas-smith@pvamu.edu)> wrote:

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Dr. DeSpain,

I trust that all is well with you. Though I do not know in which state you are located at this moment, I just hope it is cooler than this one. Today is a hot one and the storm is closing in on Galveston .

Dr. DeSpain, I am attempting to explain to our President and to financial aid officials in Dallas that it was your interpretation that courses offered face-to-face here and transmitted to the Dallas Urban League did not result in the Urban League's becoming a separate site but, instead, an arm of the base or main campus site. That would mean that it was not necessary, in your opinion, to regard it as a site to be reported to either SACS or the U.S. Department of Education as a separate site.

Please share your thinking and any input you received from SACS personnel with me so that I can understand what we were doing at the DUL site.

Thanks, and God Bless.

Thomas-Smith