



**Commission on
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OF ALLIED HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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Elmer H. Kirchoff, PhD
President
Southwestern Illinois College
2500 Carlyle Avenue
Belleville, IL 62221

Dear President Kirchoff:

The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) is pleased to inform you of its vote on September 10, 2004 to award **continuing accreditation** to the Health Information Technology Program at Southwestern Illinois College:

The recent peer review conducted by the Council on Accreditation (COA) and the Commission's Board of Directors recognizes the program's substantial compliance with the nationally established accreditation standards. The next comprehensive evaluation of the program is scheduled to occur in **2007-08**.

The accreditation standards are established by the CAAHEP and the American Health Information Management Association.

The commission recognizes you and your colleagues for your commitment to continuous quality improvement in education, as demonstrated by your participation in program accreditation.

Sincerely,



Sondra Flemming
President

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