July 13, 2016

Dear Sir or Madam:

Southern Adventist University wants to formally announce the plan to develop and seek accreditation of a physical therapist assistant education program located on our campus here in Collegedale, TN. The expansion of our offerings to include a physical therapist assistant education program is really an expansion of the university mission which is: Southern Adventist University nurtures Christlikeness, traditional Seventh-day Adventist values, academic excellence, and a lifelong pursuit of truth, wholeness, and service.

One of the key concepts rooted in our traditional Seventh-day Adventist value system is health. Through providing a physical therapist assistant education program, we are expanding our health offerings to our constituents as well as the region as a whole. Southern Adventist University has graduated more than 4,000 nursing students since 1960. More recently, Southern Adventist University has added a greater focus on the pre-professional allied health sciences thus increasing our influence on the health of our region.

Christopher Stewart, PT, DPT, MBA has been employed as the program director for this new program.