

Statement from Lincoln Memorial University Regarding DMS Legislation

Lincoln Memorial University (LMU) is disappointed to learn that the legislative efforts to consider licensure in Tennessee for Doctor of Medical Science (DMS) degree holders have led to questions and issues concerning the services and qualifications of nurse practitioners and physician assistants. LMU has not raised any such questions, as we are proud of the growing body of nurses, nurse practitioners and physician assistants with LMU training and degrees. These professionals provide vital and high-quality services to patients throughout Appalachia and the United States.

As a result of these legislative issues, effective immediately LMU is withdrawing its proposed legislation to license DMS degree-holders, and LMU will not pursue licensing legislation in any state. We will continue to focus on our outstanding health care DO and physician assistant programs at DCOM and nurses and advanced practice nurses at the Caylor School of Nursing. Our DMS degree program will move forward with a focus on the educational value of DMS training for practicing physician assistants.