

FORM C - DEGREE/PROGRAM CHANGE

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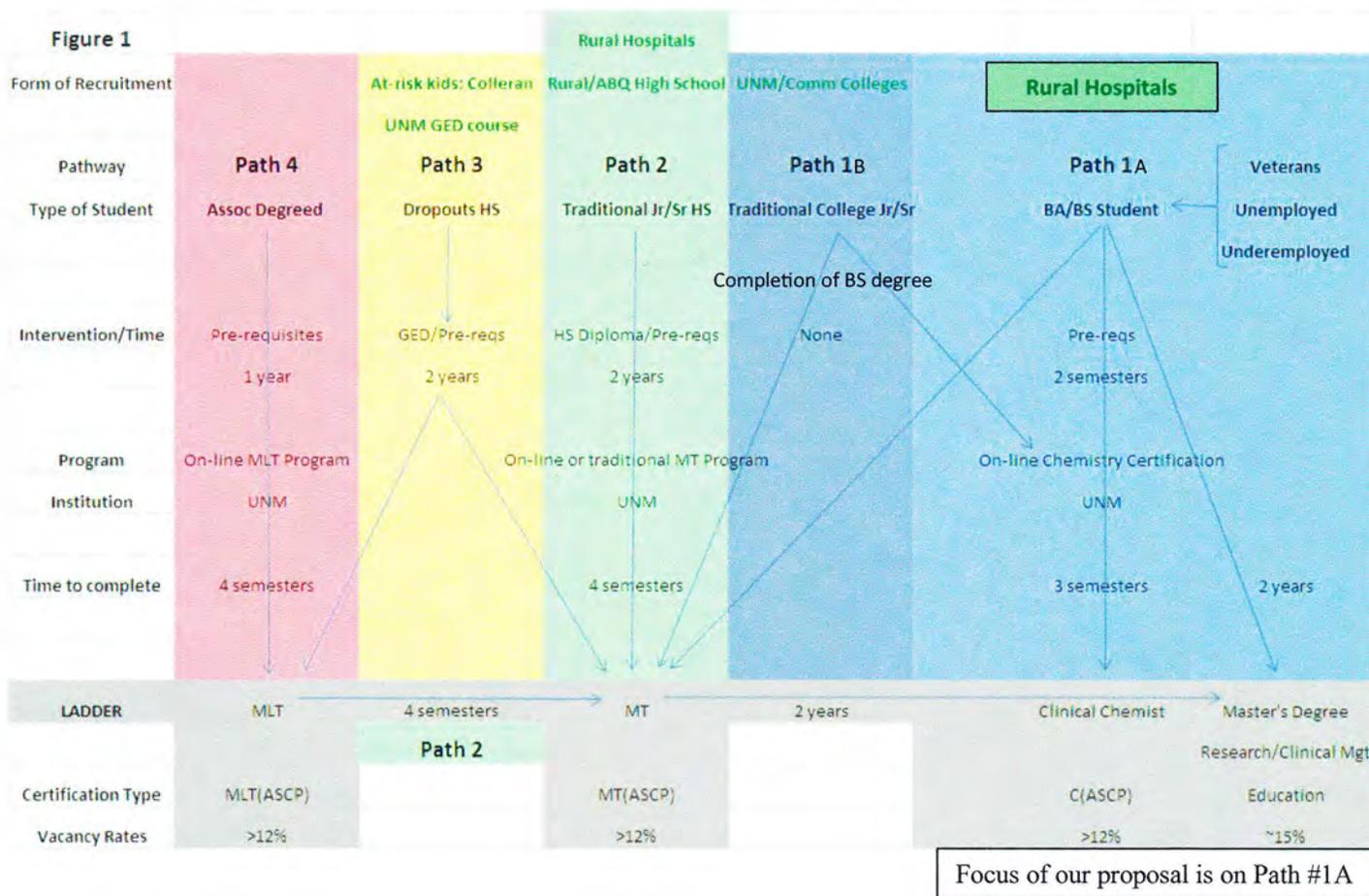
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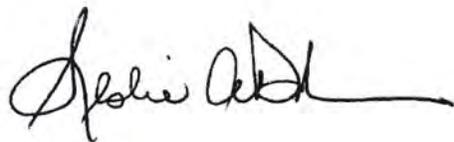
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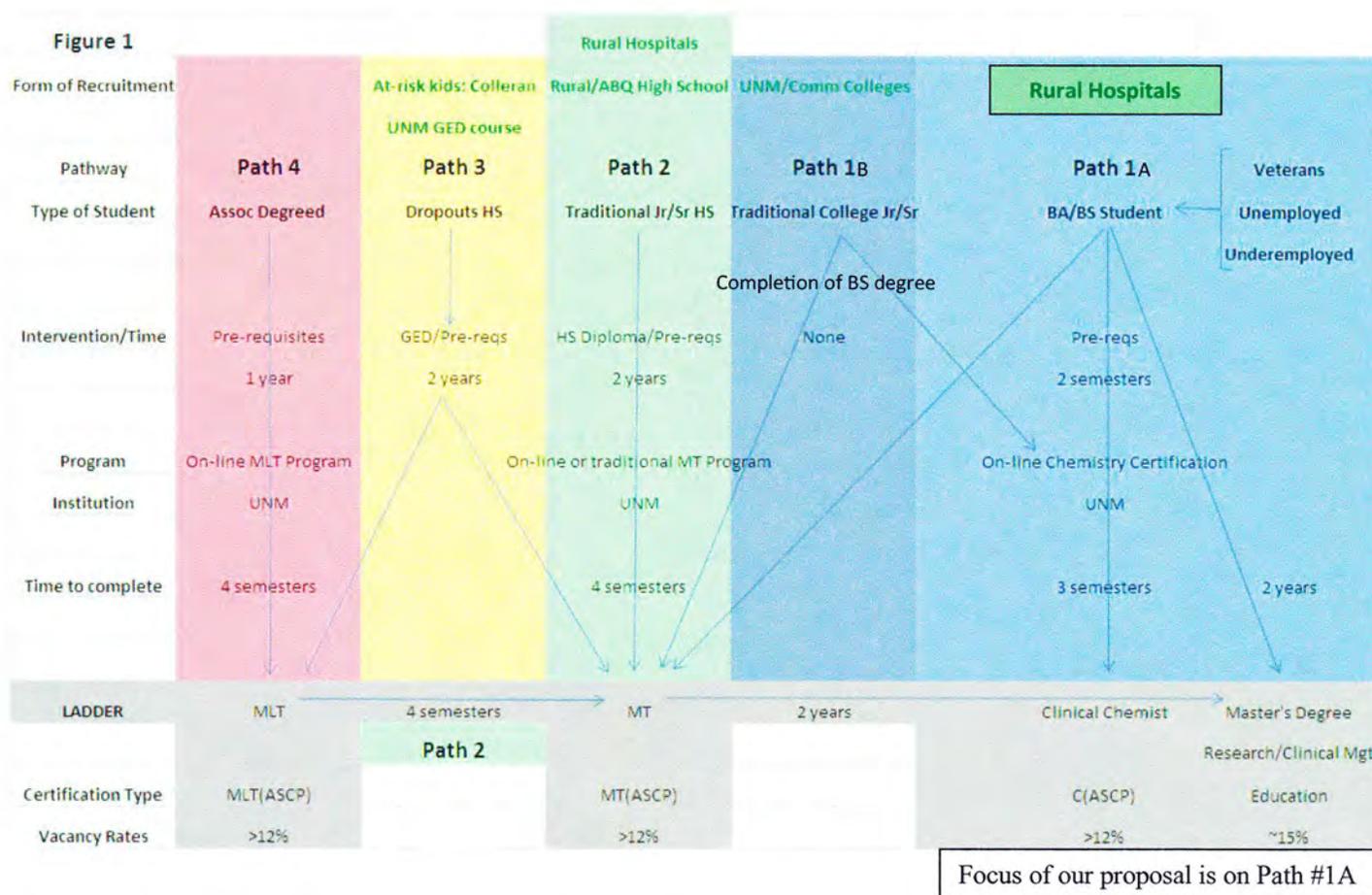
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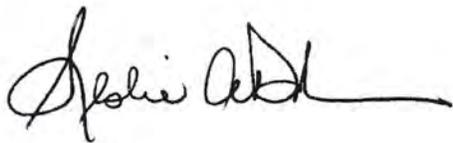
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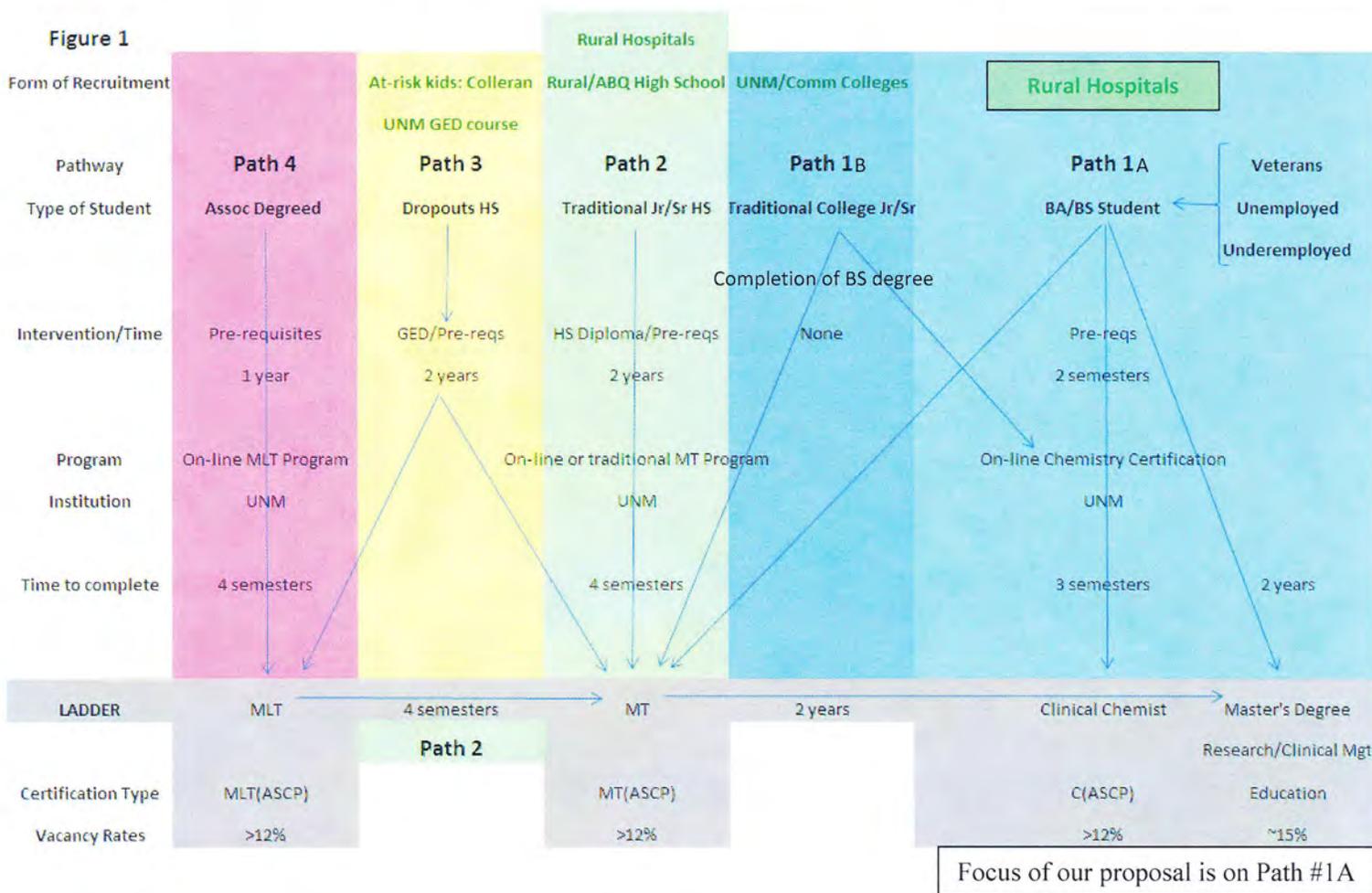
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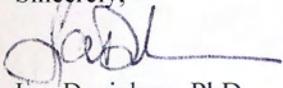
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FORM C - DEGREE/PROGRAM CHANGE

CIP CODE

Date: 10/10/2011

Leslie A. Danielson
(Name of individual initiating curricular change form)

Director, MLS Program 2-5509
(Title, position, telephone number)

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MLS Program
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* Plan for curricular process to take at least 12 months.

Mark appropriate Program:

Undergraduate Degree Program

Graduate Degree Program
(For existing degree only)

This form is for _____ Certificate in Clinical Chemistry
Name of New or Existing Program

This program is or would be located in current undergraduate/graduate catalog
on page(s) _____

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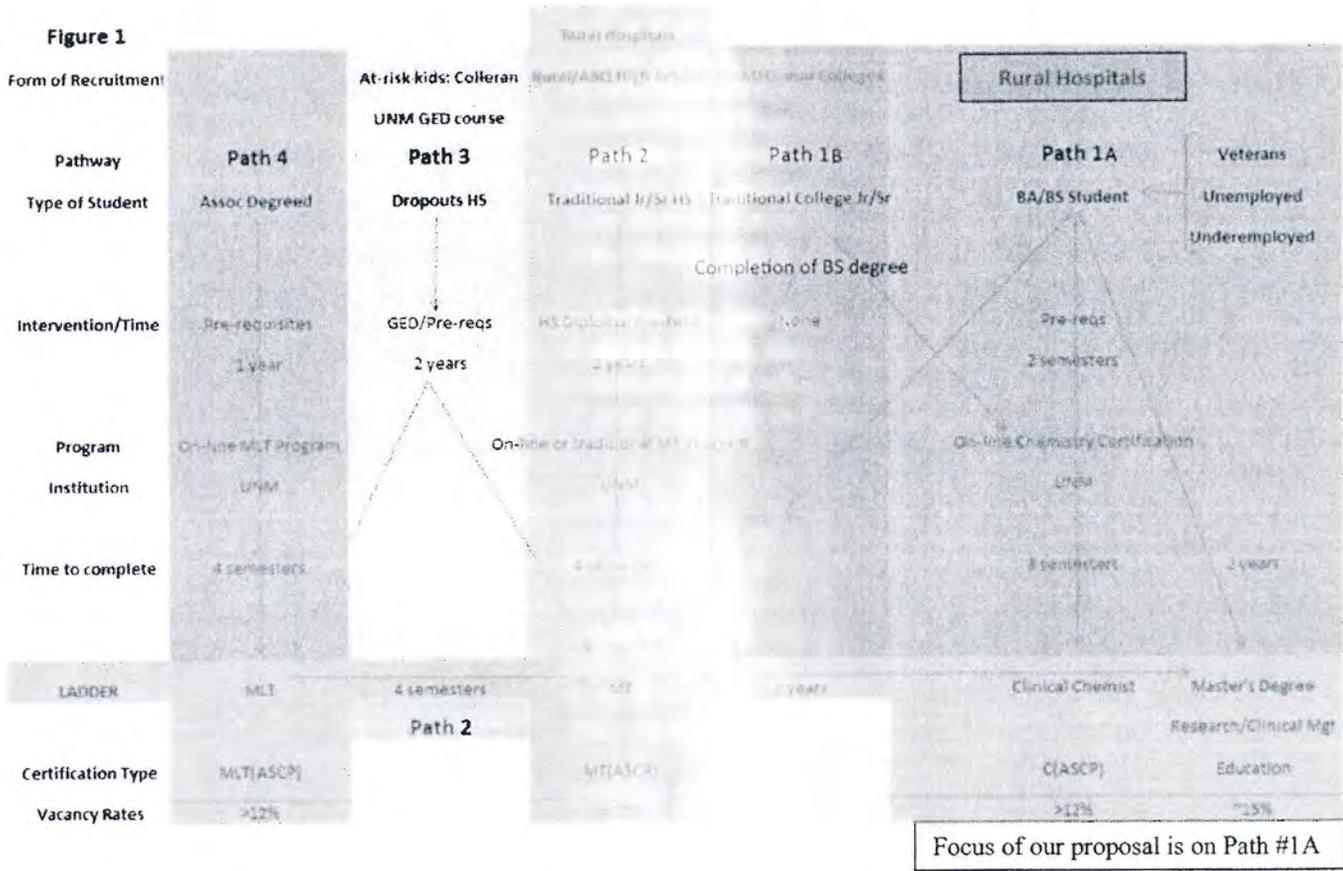
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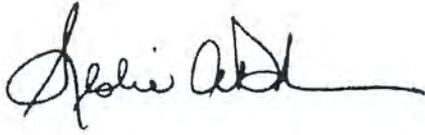
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