



November 26, 2018

Dr. Ray Perren
President
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Dear Dr. Perren:

Thank you for your letter of June 7, 2018, transmitting a prospectus for the Associate of Science in Nursing Program to be offered, effective August 2019.

The program, which is consistent with the mission and strategic plan of the College, will be offered on the approved Forsyth campus. The target audience will be traditional high school age students as well as adults currently working in the medical field who wish to advance their careers. The program will be delivered via traditional, hybrid, and distance education classes with hands-on lab coursework and clinical experiences at external healthcare agencies. Graduates will be able to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). A feasibility study indicates need for the program. Registered nursing jobs in the area are expected to increase by 41% by 2027. Support for the program by the two large hospitals in the area was documented. Evidence of appropriate planning for the program and approval by the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia was provided.

The curriculum, a projected schedule of course offerings, course descriptions, programmatic goals, and student learning outcomes for the program were provided. The primary tools for assessing effectiveness of the program will be annual Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Reports completed by faculty members teaching in the program. In turn, faculty members use the data in the reports for improvement. The process was described and measures for assessing achievement of the outcomes were provided. Admission and graduation requirements were described as were the policy and procedure for determining course and program credit.

Administrative oversight for the program will be provided by the Coordinator of the program who reports to the Dean of Allied Health who reports to the Vice President of Academic Affairs. Qualifications of faculty members scheduled to teach in the program appear appropriate. An additional full-time nursing instructor will be hired in each of the two years following implementation of the program.

Library holdings to support the program consist of approximately 100 volumes in Nursing and related fields. The preponderance of materials is provided electronically. GALILEO provides access to over 10,000 full text journals via 100 databases. E-books are available on EBSCO and Credo Reference. Cooperative borrowing agreements have also been established between the College and the Gainesville Campus of the University of North Georgia, all of the other 22 technical colleges in the state, and public libraries in each county where a College campus is located. Interlibrary loan is also available. Libraries are available on all five College campuses and the College website contains links for online resources including library guides for specific courses, online resource books, and directions for using library resources off campus. Students receive assistance online through Ask the Librarian email links. In addition, class library orientations are taught each term for each gateway and most degree and diploma



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English classes at all five of the College campuses. Computers are available on each campus for students to use for research, distance learning, online instructional materials, and email.

Student support services are provided to all students at the College. These services include disability and special population assistance, financial aid and counseling services, admission services, academic advising, career exploration services, and tutoring services. Student activities are available as well.

The program will have a dedicated classroom equipped with lecture classroom equipment including an instructor computer, overhead projector, and wireless network access. Multiple nursing and natural science labs are available for both the Practical Nursing and the proposed Associate of Science in Nursing programs. An inventory of major equipment in the nursing labs was provided and appears adequate to support the program. Financial support for the program appears adequate as well.

The Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges reviewed the materials seeking approval of the Associate of Science in Nursing degree program. It was the decision of the Board to approve the program and include it in the scope of the current accreditation.

Enclosed is an invoice for \$500 to defray the cost of review of the prospectus.

At its meeting in June 2018, the Board of Trustees approved modification of the "*Substantive Change Policy for SACSCOC Accredited Institutions Policy Statement*," for any type of substantive change requiring approval. If an approved substantive change has not been implemented within two years of action by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees, the institution will need to submit a new prospectus for the change or application for a level change.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Belle S. Wheelan".

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.
President

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Enclosure

Cc: Dr. Joanne Tolleson, Vice President, I.E. & Operations at Forsyth Campus ✓
Dr. Denise Y. Young