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Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 1:32 PM
To: Gadberry, Brad; Tate, Angela; Beaver, Nancy; Schuster, Wendy; Brinson, Donna
Subject: Fwd: Program Hours for LTC Carpentry Programs

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From: Tolleson, Joanne <jtolleson@laniertech.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 1:31 PM
To: Kevin W. Sightler
Subject: Re: Program Hours for LTC Carpentry Programs

Thanks so much!

Joanne

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From: Kevin W. Sightler <ksightler@sacscoc.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 12:13:50 PM
To: Tolleson, Joanne <jtolleson@laniertech.edu>
Subject: RE: Program Hours for LTC Carpentry Programs

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Joanne,

Based on your description, this does not appear to be a substantive change requiring notification or approval for the change in program length.

We cannot provide documentation for financial aid purposes if a change notification or approval isn't required by policy; documentation should be from the institution demonstrating no action is required; cite/reference the current substantive change policy. This is a common occurrence but is a matter between the institution and the office of federal student aid. Feel free to include this email with your documentation that neither notification nor approval are required.

/s/ Kevin W. Sightler, Ph.D.

Director of Substantive Change

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From: Tolleson, Joanne <jtolleson@laniertech.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 11:44 AM
To: Kevin W. Sightler <ksightler@sacscoc.org>

Cc: Tolleson, Joanne <jtolleson@laniertech.edu>

Subject: Program Hours for LTC Carpentry Programs

Good morning Kevin,

In August 2019, I sent a letter to your office informing the Commission of a change in credit hours to our Carpentry Technology diploma and TCC programs. Our office wrote the initial prospectus using an outdated New Program Request that referenced a previous version of the curriculum. The attached letter explains that the college is offering the most recent version of the curriculum, with different program lengths for two awards within our Carpentry Technology program.

As I said in the letter, I am aware that this not a matter that would normally be of concern to the Commission, but the discrepancy between the program lengths we initially reported to the Commission and the number of credit hours LTC is reporting to the DOE is causing problems for our Director of Financial Aid. She has asked my office a number of times if we have received a response from SACSCOC so she can show the DOE that reported program lengths are consistent and accurate.

For the technical certificate of credit program, the change in credit hours is 26% – just over the 25% threshold – but the number of terms to complete is unchanged (three terms). The change in hours is only 11% for the diploma program.

Would you or your staff please review the attached letter and provide a response stating that SACSCOC acknowledges this program length change?

Thanks so much,

Joanne

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