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July 22, 2016

Dr. Ray Perren  
President  
Lanier Technical College  
2990 Landrum Education Drive  
Oakwood, GA 30566

Dear Dr. Perren:

Thank you for your letter of March 8, 2016, transmitting a prospectus for the Commercial Truck Driving Technical Certificate of Credit (TCC) program to be offered, effective August 2016.

The program, which will be offered at the approved Jackson and Oakwood campuses, is consistent with the mission and strategic plan of the College. It will provide basic training in the principles and skills of commercial truck operations and will prepare students for the Georgia Commercial Driver's License Skills Exam. The program will assist in filling a need for commercial truck drivers both nationally and regionally over the next five years. Data was provided concerning projected employability. Job openings for truck drivers will also be available in cement/concrete manufacturing, grocery wholesalers, specialty trade contractors, and courier services. School bus drivers and other transit authority also show growth. Evidence of planning for the program was provided. Appropriate approvals were documented.

The curriculum, course descriptions, and student learning outcomes for the program were provided. Student learning outcomes are identified for each academic program and these outcomes are evaluated annually by means of multiple direct assessment instruments. The Commercial Truck Driving Annual Unit Plan, which defines outcomes mapped to objectives specified in the College's Strategic Plan, and the annual Commercial Truck Driving Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Report will be used to plan and evaluate the proposed program on a continuous basis. Overall institutional effectiveness is assessed by means of a range of instruments, including Strategic Plan Reviews, Annual Unit Plans, Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Reports (SLOs), Georgia's Performance Accountability System, and numerous indirect assessments such as in-house satisfaction and priority surveys.

Admission requirements were listed. The College's policy for determining the amount and level of credit was described. Administrative oversight of the program will be provided by the Dean of Public and Professional Services who reports to the Vice President of Academic Affairs. Qualifications of the faculty member scheduled to teach in the program appear appropriate. Adequate learning resources to support the program was described along with a description of the overall learning resources and staffing to provide assistance to students and faculty members.



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Student support services, in addition to learning resource support, include disability services, special population services, financial aid services, counseling services, career advisement, tutoring, and student activities.

Physical facilities and equipment include three range and two road Class A tractors, trailers, closed driving range including back up pad, tires, diesel fuel, driving simulators, classrooms with multimedia, basic CTD textbook, driver's daily log books, truck driver's atlases, various training videos, and FMCSR Pocket Book.

Expenses and projected revenues were provided. Financial support appears adequate to support the program.

**The Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges reviewed the materials seeking approval of the Commercial Truck Driving Technical Certificate of Credit 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 help defray the cost of review of the prospectus.

Best regards,

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, Institutional Effectiveness & Operations at Forsyth  
Campus  
Dr. Steven M. Sheeley