



April 23, 2021

Mr. Tim McDonald
Interim President
Lanier Technical College
2535 Lanier Tech Drive
Gainesville, GA 30507

Dear Mr. McDonald:

Thank you for submitting the following substantive change:

Substantive change:

Program Closure

Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) in Dental Hygiene

Submission date:

1/26/2021

Intended Implementation date:

1/26/2021

Case ID:

SC012887

As part of the review of the submission, additional information was requested by email. The institution's response has been incorporated into the originally-submitted materials.

The institution repackaged its Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree program in Dental Hygiene to an Associate of Science (A.S.) degree program. The State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia approved the termination of the A.A.S. program (December 2020), and your letter of January 26, 2021, provided notification of the program closure.

No students were enrolled in the A.A.S. at the time of your letter of notification. As clarified by email (April 8, 2021), students in the A.A.S. were notified in person of the intended change. Students had the option of remaining in the A.A.S. or switching to the A.S. degree program. Three of the thirteen students who graduated in 2020 remained in the A.A.S. degree in order to maintain their Pell Grant eligibility. The A.S. degree was three semester credit hours shorter than the A.A.S. degree (duplicate course content was removed), and students who chose to remain in the A.A.S. program were able to complete courses without interruption and with no additional cost for program completion.

There was no negative impact on faculty as a result of the program closure. As confirmed by email, there was no change to dental hygiene faculty.



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The Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges approves the closure of the Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree program in Dental Hygiene.

Should you need assistance, please contact Dr. Denise Y. Young at 404-679-4501 or via email at dyoung@sacscoc.org.

Please include the Case ID number above in all submissions or correspondence about this substantive change.

Note: The SACSCOC substantive change policy was revised in 2020. It includes many new requirements and changes to previous requirements. The Substantive Change Policy and Procedures and learning resources are available on the substantive change webpage at www.sacscoc.org.

Sincerely,

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

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.
President

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cc: Dr. Joanne P. Tolleson, Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness & Operations
Dr. Denise Y. Young