



July 11, 2013

Dr. Belle Wheelan
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Commission on Colleges
1866 Southern Lane
Decatur, GA 30033

Dear Dr. Wheelan:

I am writing to inform you that Lanier Technical College plans to begin offering a Dental Hygiene Associate of Applied Science degree in August of 2013.

Currently, Lanier Tech and University of North Georgia-Gainesville Campus (UNG) operated under a consortia agreement, by which Lanier Tech delivers all occupational courses for the students in the Dental Hygiene Program and UNG delivers the general education courses. Students are awarded a Dental Hygiene diploma by Lanier Tech and a Dental Hygiene AAS degree by Gainesville State. In May 2014 this agreement is to be terminated with the understanding that Lanier Tech will offer degrees to its students.

The majority of the curriculum (85%) consists of coursework that has previously been taught at Lanier Tech. Also, no new faculty, equipment, or library resources will be required. For these reasons, we believe offering this new award does not constitute a substantive change.

Our Financial Aid Director will need to provide documentation that SACS-COC has been notified of this program. If you would, please send Lanier Tech a letter stating that the Commission has accepted this notification. Should you have any questions please contact our SACS-COC Liaison Joanne Tolleson at jtolleson@laniertech.edu or 770.781.6950.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ray Perren".

Dr. Ray Perren, President
Lanier Technical College

cc: Dr. Steven Sheeley