



April 1, 2022

Mr. Tim McDonald
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
Multiple Programs**

Submission date:

9/29/2021

Intended Implementation date:

8/13/2021

Case ID:

SC016005

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 is closing the following programs in the Hotel/Restaurant/Tourism area due to historically low enrollment and the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the industry as a whole:

Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree program in Hotel/Restaurant/Tourism Management

Diploma program in Hotel/Restaurant/Tourism Management

Technical Certificate of Credit (TCC) program in Hotel Management Specialist

TCC program in Hospitality Customer Service Provider

TCC program in Travel and Tourism Associate

TCC program Travel Agency Operations

TCC program Hospitality Operations Associate

TCC program in Front Office Manager

TCC program in Event Coordinator

As confirmed by email (March 14, 2022), there were two (2) students enrolled in the associate degree and one (1) student enrolled in the diploma program. Students were informed of the



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closure by email and phone, and students choosing to remain in the program were helped to complete the program with minimal disruption and no additional costs on an individual basis. Documentation of email correspondence with students was provided addressing completion of the internship for the program.

At the time of program closure, the program director position was vacant. There was one part-time faculty member teaching at the time the decision was made to close the program and was notified by email. The individual did not require assistance finding new employment. Other institutional staff were informed of the closure, and no staff members were directly impacted by the program closure.

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 Hotel/Restaurant/Tourism Management, Diploma program in Hotel/Restaurant/Tourism Management, and the Technical Certificate of Credit (T.C.C.) programs in the following: Hotel Management Specialist; Hospitality Customer Service Provider; Travel and Tourism Associate; Travel Agency Operations; Hospitality Operations Associate; Front Office Manager; and Event Coordinator.

Should you need assistance, please contact Dr. Denise Y. Young at (404) 492-5386 or via email at dyoung@sacscoc.org.

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

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 and Operations, Lanier
Technical College
Dr. Denise Y. Young, Vice President, SACSCOC