



Office of Institutional Effectiveness

Memorandum to File

RE: LTC Substantive Change Request Determination

FROM: LTC Institutional Effectiveness Office

Request Details (to be completed by Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Development):

Date of Request: May 21, 2025
Description of Change: Termination of Practical Nursing diploma (PN12)
Award and Major Code: Practical Nursing diploma (PN12)
Location: Hall and Forsyth
Program Director: Sara Helton

Division and Program Group	ALHS, Practical Nursing
Campus/Site Address of Change if New Site:	NA
Change Type:	Termination of Practical Nursing diploma being replaced by Practical Nursing TCC
Expected Implementation Term:	Fall 2024
Leadership Team Approval Date:	5.20.2024
State Board Approval Date:	8.1.2024
Crosswalk Completed (Yes or NA)	Yes

Rationale for Internal Decision:

New Programs: SACSCOC policy dictates that a new program created from existing approved courses (i.e. a “repackaging”) where there is less than 25% new content is not considered a substantive change.

Program Length: Changes to curricula where "program credit hours (or an equivalent or comparable measure of progress such as clock hours or demonstrated competencies) increase or decrease by 25% or more" AND "students' expected time to completion increases or decreases by more than one term or its equivalent or comparable measure" is not considered a substantive change.

Program Closures: The SACSCOC *Substantive Change Policy and Procedures* states: “Program closure is not required for a specialization embedded within a discipline-specific program.” This applies to TCCs within a program group with a degree or diploma: terminating one or more TCCs but keeping the program group open is not considered a substantive change.

Substantive change requests and decisions are archived in the College’s [Substantive Change Log](#).

IE Analysis of Significant Departure and Decision:

Due to nursing shortage in the state of Georgia, workforce requested a shorter track so Practical Nursing diploma (PN12) was terminated and a Practical Nursing TCC (PN21) was created.

Signature of Official: *Joanne Tolleson*

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