



July 21, 2023

Dr. Michael T. Benson
President and Professor of History
Coastal Carolina University
107 Founders Drive
Conway, SC 29526

Dear Dr. Benson:

Thank you for submitting the following substantive change:

Substantive change:

**Program Closure
Master of Accountancy**

Submission date:

6/23/2023

Intended Implementation date:

1/8/2024

Case ID:

SC022597

Coastal Carolina University requests the closure of the face-to-face method of delivery for the Master of Accountancy.

The change from face-to-face to DL modality has been approved throughout the university through the following channels: Accounting Department Faculty approved the change, the Wall College of Business Faculty approved the change, the Graduate Council approved the change, the Faculty Senate approved the change, and finally, the Provost approved the change. Upon receiving all the internal approvals and the approval from the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education (SCCHE), the current Master of Accountancy students were notified through individual emails and advisement meetings of the impending change to the modality of this program.

The courses will be offered in a distance education method of delivery in the same sequence/semesters as in the face-to-face modality. There will be no change in course content or the professors teaching each course. There will be no disruption in students' timeline to complete the program. There is an additional \$75 distance learning course fee for each course. This fee is charged for all undergraduate and graduate distance learning courses at Coastal Carolina University. This fee is noted on each applicable course as the student registers in the University's electronic system.

The only change in faculty will be in Governmental Accounting (ACCT 533). Governmental Accounting was the only course in the degree program taught by an adjunct faculty member. That faculty member did not want to devote the course preparation time to change from a face-



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to-face modality to a distance learning format. This faculty member is currently employed full-time as an assistant county administrator with Horry County Government and as such will not need help finding new employment. A current full-time senior lecturer has agreed to teach ACCT 535 as part of their teaching load. All other courses will continue to be taught by the same faculty who taught the courses in a face-to-face modality.

The Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges approves the closure of the face-to-face method of delivery for the Master of Accountancy.

Should you need assistance, please contact Dr. Lynne S. Crosby at (404) 492-5390 or via email at lcrosby@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

BSW/DDG:lp

cc: Ms. Holly J. Legg, Director of Institutional Research Assessment and Analysis, Coastal
Carolina University
Dr. Lynne S. Crosby, Vice President, SACSCOC



Office of Institutional Research, Assessment and Analysis

June 23, 2023

Dr. Kevin Sightler
Director of Substantive Change
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Commission on Colleges
1866 Southern Lane
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Dear Dr. Sightler,

Coastal Carolina University (CCU) is seeking approval from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to close the face-to-face instruction method of delivery for the Master of Accountancy degree program effective for Spring 2024. The program has received approval to change to a distance learning method of delivery from the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education (SCCHE).

With declining enrollment in this program, it was recommended and approved by the faculty and administration for the program to transition from a face-to-face program to a distance education program. All current students enrolled in the Master of Accountancy degree program have been informed of the move to a distance education method of delivery. There will be no disruption in course offerings as all courses will be offered in a distance education format in the same sequence and semesters as the face-to-face instruction method of delivery.

Enclosed are the substantive change cover letter, the approval letter from the SCCHE, and the teach-out plan.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need clarification.

Sincerely,

Holly J. Legg
Accreditation Liaison
Director

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Chairman

Rusty L. Monhollon, Ph.D.
President & Executive Director



May 5, 2023

Dr. Daniel Ennis
Coastal Carolina University
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Conway, SC 29526

Dear Dr. Ennis:

I am pleased to inform you that the Office of Academic Affairs and Licensing, under the authority of the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education (CHE), acknowledges the program notification for Coastal Carolina University to change to a distance learning modality for the Master of Accountancy.

Sincerely,

Mariam Dittmann

Dr. Mariam Dittmann
Director, Office of Academic Affairs and Licensing

CC: Dr. Teresa Burns, Coastal Carolina University



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