



February 14, 2020

Dr. David A. DeCenzo  
President  
Coastal Carolina University  
103 Tom Trout Drive  
Conway, SC 29526

Dear Dr. DeCenzo:

Thank you for submitting the following substantive change:

Substantive change:

**Program Closure**

**Master of Art in Teaching (M.A.T.) with a Concentration in Art**

Submission date:

**8/8/2019**

Implementation date:

**7/1/2018**

Case ID:

**SC007498**

Additional information was requested by the Commission via email; the response has been incorporated into the original submission.

Coastal Carolina University notified the Commission of the institution's decision to close the Master of Art in Teaching (M.A.T.) degree program with a concentration in Art, effective July 1, 2018.

When an institution closes a program or instructional site, it has an affirmative obligation to seek closure approval from the Commission at the time the closure decision is made and prior to the cessation of instruction. The closure date is the date students are no longer admitted.

No new students have been admitted to the program since fall 2017 and those previously admitted have graduated. There are no students currently enrolled in the M.A.T. degree program with a concentration in Art. There are no students to notify regarding the closure; there is no need for assistance with degree completion; no possibility of students incurring additional charges or expenses related to the closure, and no need for teach-out agreements with other institutions.



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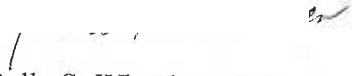
The faculty and administration at Coastal Carolina University recommended that the program be closed. The closure was announced to faculty and staff for implementation in the 2018-2019 academic year and was reflected in the Coastal Carolina University 2019-2020 Graduate Studies Catalog. Art faculty members will continue to serve as academic advisors for all art history, art studio, and graphic design undergraduate programs providing quality advising to all students. No faculty or staff members were impacted as a result of the closure. Those associated with the program remained in their existing department within the college.

**The Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges approves the late closure of the Master of Art in Teaching (M.A.T.) degree program with a concentration in Art.**

Should you need assistance, please contact Dr. John S. Hardt at 404-679-4501 or via email at [jhardt@sacscoc.org](mailto:jhardt@sacscoc.org).

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

Sincerely,

  
Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.  
President

BSW/TDB:lp

cc: Ms. Christine L. Mee, Ex. Director, Institutional Research, Assessment & Analysis  
Dr. John S. Hardt



**SOUTH CAROLINA**  
COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

July 30, 2019

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Dr. Daniel J. Ennis, Interim Provost and Executive Vice President, Coastal Carolina University

**From:** John Lane, DMA, Director of Academic Affairs

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CHE received a *Notification of Termination* (attached) June 12, 2019, to terminate the Art (PreK-12) concentration within the Master of Arts in Teaching degree at Coastal Carolina University. As requested, the concentration was closed to new students Fall 2017 and the data file will be closed Spring 2020.

Please review this information and let us know if we have misinterpreted your information as this change, as stated, will be reflected in the Commission's *Inventory of Academic Programs* and the document will be placed in the permanent program files.

Attachment

cc: Dr. James Solazzo  
Program File  
Inventory File