



July 17, 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:

New Program-Notification

**Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Higher Education and Community Engagement and
the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Marine and Coastal Environmental Science**

Submission date:

1/11/2023

Intended Implementation date:

8/1/2023

Case ID:

SC020823

We accept notification of the following programs with 25-49% new content: the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Higher Education and Community Engagement and the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Marine and Coastal Environmental Science.

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,

Kevin W. Sightler, Ph.D.
Director of Substantive Change

KWS/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

January 11, 2023

Dr. Kevin Sightler
Director of Substantive Change
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Commission on Colleges
1866 Southern Lane
Decatur, GA 30033-4097

Dear Dr. Sightler,

Coastal Carolina University has received approval from the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education (SCCHE) on December 1, 2022, to offer a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree in Higher Education and Community Engagement beginning Fall 2023. This program is grounded in interdisciplinary foundational concepts with an emphasis on leadership in higher education and community contexts. This program will support students who want to work in non-traditional educational settings. These settings include colleges and universities as well as other agencies that serve to engage the community in various ways through educational programs. This program will provide students in the local community and beyond with the critical skills and abilities to work successfully in higher education or community educational settings. This degree is multidisciplinary in nature and will ensure students are able to lead, assess and create programming in these nontraditional settings.

The Name of the program (to indicate the discipline):

Higher Education and Community Engagement

The credential to be awarded (e.g., Associate of Arts, Master of Accounting):

Bachelor of Arts

The instructional level (associate, baccalaureate, master's, education specialist, or doctoral, if not obvious from the credential):

Baccalaureate

An affirmative statement that the new program consists of 25-49% new content not previously offered by the institution at the new program's instructional level.

The B.A. in Higher Education and Community Engagement consists of 25-49% new program content not previously offered at Coastal Carolina University.

The method of delivery to be added:

Face-to-face instruction

The intended implementation date:

Fall 2023

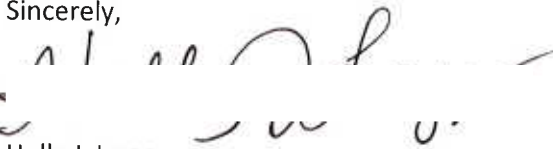
The B.A. in Higher Education and Community Engagement focuses on the historical and current concepts of education while preparing students to work outside of the traditional PK-12 classroom including higher education, adult education and in community organizations that support the education of those in the community. This program allows students interested in education to pursue a career outside of the traditional PK-12 certification track currently offered while still giving them the foundational concepts found in education, sociology, communication, and assessment. The program would give students an advantage in the workplace as an entry level professional in a higher education institution or a non-profit that offers educational programming to the community. The field experiences offered also give students opportunities to develop critical leadership and collaborative skills necessary to contribute immediately to their organizations. The university currently offers a doctorate program in education sciences with a concentration in higher education administration. Twelve new three credit hour courses were developed to support the new program. Graduates in the B.A. in Higher Education and Community Engagement will have critical skills and abilities to work successfully in higher education or community educational settings and will be able to create, assess, and lead programming in these nontraditional settings.

The B.A. in Higher Education and Community Engagement will be housed in the Spadoni College of Education and Social Sciences. No new equipment or facilities are needed to support the new program. There will be a minimum of two new full-time, tenure-track faculty hired to support this program over the next five years.

Enclosed are the substantive change cover letter and the approval letter received from the SCCHE.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Holly J. Legg
Institutional Accreditation Liaison
Director, Institutional Research, Assessment and Analysis

R. Wes Hayes, Jr.
Chairman

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



December 9, 2022

Dr. Michael T. Benson, President
Coastal Carolina University
P.O. Box 261954
Conway, South Carolina 29528-6054

Dear President Benson:

I am pleased to inform you that the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education, at its meeting on December 1, 2022, approved the Bachelor of Arts in Higher Education and Community Engagement for Coastal Carolina University.

This program will be offered through traditional delivery and will be noted as such on the CHE's Inventory of Approved Programs with the CIP Code of 13.0406 and site identifier of 51001 (Coastal Carolina University- Main Campus). This program will be implemented in Fall 2023.

Please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Mariam Dittmann, Director of the Office of Academic Affairs and Licensing at mdittmann@che.sc.gov, should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Rusty Monhollon, Ph.D.
President and Executive Director

CC: Dr. Daniel Ennis, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. Teresa Burns, Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs and Academic Programs
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Program File



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