



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  
Undergraduate Certificate in Applied Ethics**

Submission date:

**11/22/2022**

Intended Implementation date:

**8/16/2023**

Case ID:

**SC020044**

Coastal Carolina University requests the closure of the Undergraduate Certificate in Applied Ethics.

The elimination of the undergraduate certificate was initiated by faculty due to historically low to no enrollment in the program. Faculty members, program coordinators, and the Dean's office were included in the conversations. The department is considering an applied ethics minor or concentration in the Philosophy major as a better option for students.

The two students currently enrolled in the certificate program were informed via email about the closure of the program and were told they would be able to finish the program. All courses required for the certificate are part of other programs in the department. The courses needed are part of the certificate and will continue to be taught in other programs. Students currently enrolled in the certificate will be able to complete the certificate without any disruption or additional costs.

No faculty or staff will be negatively impacted because of this program being discontinued. The faculty teaching the courses for the program support other programs within the department. The staff supporting the applied ethics certificate will continue to support other programs within the department.

**The Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges approves the closure of the Undergraduate Certificate in Applied Ethics.**



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

November 22, 2022

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,


This letter serves as a notification that Coastal Carolina University has received approval from the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education (SCCHE) to terminate the undergraduate certificate in Applied Ethics effective Fall 2023. No new applications will be accepted into the program as of August 2023.

The certificate program historically has had low enrollment. The department does not find it feasible to maintain the program. Due to this, it was recommended and approved by the faculty and administration for the program to be closed. There are currently two students enrolled in the certificate program. All courses required for the program are offered as part of other programs in the department, therefore no special arrangements will be needed to ensure these students have the ability to complete the certificate program; the courses will continue to be offered in the department after the closure of the program.

Enclosed are the substantive change cover letter, the notification of termination to the SCCHE, the teach-out plan, and the Applied Ethics curriculum.

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

Sincerely,

  
Holly J. Legg  
Institutional Accreditation Liaison  
Interim Director

**R. Wes Hayes, Jr.**  
*Chairman*

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



November 1, 2022

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Dr. Daniel Ennis, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

**From:** Mariam Dittmann, Ph.D., Director, Office of Academic Affairs and Licensing *MWD*

CHE received a *request to change the date of termination* from Fall 2022 to Fall 2023 for the Applied Ethics certificate on October 17, 2022. As requested, the program will be updated with a termination date of Fall 2023. The file closure date (Fall 2026) will not change.

Please review this information and let us know if we have misinterpreted your information as this change, as stated, will be reflected in the *Inventory* and the document will be placed in the permanent program file.

**cc:** Dr. Teresa Burns, Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs and Academic Programs  
Program File  
Inventory File



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