



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

Graduate Certificate in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

Submission date:

10/21/2019

Implementation date:

10/25/2019

Case ID:

SC008149

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 intent to close the graduate Certificate program in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), effective October 25, 2019, since certification to become an ESOL teacher is now offered through the state.

The seven students currently enrolled in the graduate Certificate program in English for Speakers of Other Languages will be informed of the program closure directly through conversations with their academic advisors. The Spadoni College of Education faculty will continue to serve as academic advisors and will help the students plan for completion of the certificate program or assist them in transferring into the Master of Education (M.Ed.) degree program in Language, Literacy, and Culture, if desired. It is anticipated that these students will complete either the graduate Certificate program in English for Speakers of Other Languages or the M.Ed. degree in Language, Literacy, and Culture by May 2021.

Students are not expected to incur any additional charges or expenses as a result of this teach-out plan. There are no teach-out agreements with other institutions.



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The faculty and administration at Coastal Carolina University recommended that the program be closed, pending approval from the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education, and were aware of the closure. 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 closure of the graduate Certificate program in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL).

Should you need assistance, please contact Dr. John S. Hardt at 404-679-4501 or via email at 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, Executive Director, Institutional Research, Assessment & Analysis
Dr. John S. Hardt



Office of Institutional Research, Assessment and Analysis

October 21, 2019

Dr. Belle Wheelan
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Commission on Colleges
1866 Southern Lane
Decatur, GA 30033

Dear Dr. Wheelan,

This letter serves as a notification that Coastal Carolina University is seeking approval from the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education (SCCHE) to terminate the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) graduate certificate program as of October 25, 2019. No new applications will be accepted into the program as of this date.

The ESOL graduate certificate requires students to complete five graduate classes offered in an online, face-to-face, or hybrid format. The primary target audience for this certificate is educators interested in becoming knowledgeable in teaching English Language Learners (ELL). The ESOL graduate certificate is being terminated because certification to be an ESOL teacher is now offered through the state.

With the state offering certification to be an ESOL teacher, and limited interest and enrollment in the program, it was recommended by the faculty and administration that the program be closed, pending approval from the SCCHE. There currently are seven students enrolled in the program, and no new applications are being accepted. A teach-out plan for the students in the program is enclosed along with a copy of the ESOL curriculum.

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

Sincerely,

Christine L. Mee
Accreditation Liaison
Executive Director



SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

December 6, 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) October 21, 2019, to terminate the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in English for Speakers of Other Languages at Coastal Carolina University. As requested, the certificate will be terminated. The date the certificate will be closed to new students Spring 2020 and the date the data file will be closed is Summer 2021.

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