



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 Science (BS) in Health Sciences**

Submission date:

**6/15/2023**

Intended Implementation date:

**8/1/2023**

Case ID:

**SC022490**

**We accept notification of the following program with 25-49% new content: the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Health Sciences.**

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,

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

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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 15, 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,

This letter serves as a notification that Coastal Carolina University received approval from the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education (SCCHE) on June 6, 2023, to establish the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Health Sciences degree program effective Fall 2023.

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

Health Sciences

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

Bachelor of Science

**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 Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences degree program consists of 25-49% new content not previously offered by the institution at the baccalaureate level.

**The method of delivery to be added:**

Face-to-face instruction

**The intended implementation date:**

Fall 2023

The Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences will provide Coastal Carolina University students an opportunity to pursue a foundational and broad-based program in the health sciences and related health professions. It provides an accessible and flexible curriculum for students looking to gain entry to professional programs in health and medicine (e.g., physician/physician assistant) or students looking to pursue a wide variety of allied health professions (e.g., physical therapy, lab/clinical/tech support, patient care). The program will be attractive to a wide variety of students who want to design a more individualized and specialized pathway for graduate studies or for a healthcare career. The program is designed to accommodate students who are interested in the broad range of health careers, but who may be undecided about their career path.

The Health Sciences program is intended to augment and collaborate with the highly successful and more specialized majors already existing in the Conway Medical Center College of Health and Human Performance (e.g., Nursing, Public Health, and Exercise Science). Furthermore, the program is designed to interact with related and interdisciplinary curricular areas outside the College (e.g., minors in Health Communication, and Spanish for the Health Professions). The degree is also intended to build on existing strengths and resources within the University.

Finally, the Health Sciences program provides a foundation for the development of collaborative programs and career pathway areas in healthcare. Its flexible and interdisciplinary nature permits alignment with the dynamic nature of healthcare needs in the region and changing student demand. For example, the program can accommodate the development of curricular offerings of in-demand allied healthcare areas of patient care (e.g., certified medical assistant) and clinical support (e.g., lab technician). The program will seek to develop career pathway programs in collaboration with our healthcare partners in the region, including Conway Medical Center and Horry-Georgetown Technical College.

Coastal Carolina University does not anticipate any concerns as no new facilities or library/learning resources are needed to support the new degree program. To support increased enrollments and the new courses, the department will need to hire one (1) new faculty by Fall 2024. Costs for the new HSCI program will be covered by the tuition generated from enrollment.

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

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

Sincerely,



Holly J. Legg  
Accreditation Liaison  
Director

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

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



June 6, 2023

Dr. Michael Benson, President  
Coastal Carolina University  
PO Box 261954  
Conway, SC 29528

Dear President Benson:

On June 1, 2023, the Commission on Higher Education (CHE) approved the establishment of the B.S., Health Sciences program at Coastal Carolina University to begin in Fall 2023. The CHE will update the Inventory of Approved Programs to reflect the addition of the program to Coastal Carolina University's approved academic programs.

Sincerely,

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

CC: Dr. Sara Hottinger, Interim Provost and Executive Vice President, Coastal Carolina University  
Dr. Teresa Burns, Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs and Academic Programs, Coastal Carolina University



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