



August 19, 2022

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**

**Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) - Music (K-12)**

Submission date:

**6/14/2022**

Intended Implementation date:

**1/1/2021**

Case ID:

**SC017722**

Documentation in your letter dated May 16, 2022, noted no new students were admitted to the program, effective summer 2021, and the notification of termination to the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education noted the program would be closed to new students in December 2021. When an institution closes a program or instructional site, it has an affirmative obligation to seek closure approval from SACSCOC 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.

There are no students currently enrolled in the program. As noted on the teach-out plan, faculty advisors in the Department of Music will work with prospective music education students, directing them to the Bachelor of Music Education program.

Closure of the program was initiated by faculty in the Master of Arts in Teaching and the Department of Music following discussion and analysis. No faculty or staff will be negatively impacted as a result of the closure.

**The Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges approves the late closure of the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) with a concentration in Music (K-12).**

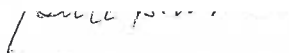


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Should you need assistance, please contact Dr. Lynne S. Crosby at (404) 492-5390 or via email at [lcrosby@sacscoc.org](mailto:lcrosby@sacscoc.org).

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

Sincerely,



Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.  
President

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cc: Ms. Holly J. Legg, Interim Director, Coastal Carolina University  
Dr. Lynne S. Crosby, Vice President, SACSCOC



Office of Institutional Research, Assessment and Analysis

May 16, 2022

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

Dear Dr. Sightler,

This letter serves as a notification that Coastal Carolina University received approval from the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education to terminate the Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T) with a concentration in Music (K – 12) degree effective December 2021.

The M.A.T. in Music (K – 12) required students to complete 12-16 credit hours in the following areas of studies for the concentration: Music Education, Choral or Instrumental Conducting, Methods, Principles and Methods of Teaching Music, World Music and Independent Music Study.

Due to no enrollments in the program, it was recommended by the faculty and administration that the program be closed.

With the approval of this termination, the program will be closed. Currently there are no students enrolled in the program and no new applications are being accepted. The teach-out plan is attached along with a copy of the curriculum for the M.A.T. in Music (K – 12) concentration.

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

Sincerely,

  
Holly J. Legg  
Accreditation Liaison  
Interim Director

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

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



January 31, 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 *Notification of Termination* (attached) on January 11, 2022, to terminate the Teacher Education, Multiple Levels, Music (K – 12) concentration of the Master of Arts in Teaching at Coastal Carolina University. As requested, the program will be deleted in the Commission's *Inventory of Academic Programs* with an implementation date of December 2021. The program closure date to new students is December 2021 and the data file closure date is August 2022.

The CIP Code for the program is 13.1206 and the designated Site Codes are 51001 (Coastal Carolina University – Main Campus).

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.

Attachment

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



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