



Office of Institutional Research, Assessment and Analysis

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


Please accept this request for approval for a new graduate certificate in Spanish for Healthcare and Social Services Professions beginning August 2024 at Coastal Carolina University (CCU). This new program is pending program approval from the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education (SCCHE). Approval is anticipated to be received on June 6, 2024.

The Graduate Certificate in Spanish for Healthcare and Social Services Professions is a distance education program designed to provide healthcare and social services industry professionals the language and cultural skills necessary for assisting their monolingual Spanish speaking patients. The target audience for this graduate certificate include healthcare providers (e.g. doctors, nurses, dentists, physicians, psychologists, therapists, and social workers) who work with monolingual Spanish speaking patients and community members. The Graduate Certificate in Spanish for Healthcare and Social Services Professions will help professionals in the region and around the state by supporting monolingual Spanish speakers who seek assistance and care from healthcare and social service professionals and who encounter language and cultural barriers in the process.

Enclosed are the substantive change cover sheet and prospectus.

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

Sincerely,



Holly J. Legg  
Institutional Accreditation Liaison  
Director