



Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Commission on Colleges
Accreditation Actions taken by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees

June 12, 2020

At its meeting on **June 12, 2020**, the SACSCOC Board of Trustees took the following actions regarding the accreditation status of institutions.

The Board approved the merger/consolidation of the following institutions:

Belmont University, Nashville, TN

Approve the merger/consolidation of Belmont University and Watkins College of Art (both SACSCOC accredited institutions) and authorize a Substantive Change Committee to visit the institution within six months of the merger's implementation. (Projected implementation: Summer 2020)

Brookhaven College, Farmers Branch, TX

Approve the merger/consolidation of Brookhaven College with Cedar Valley College, Eastfield College, El Centro College, Mountain View College, Northlake College, and Richland College (all SACSCOC accredited institutions) and authorize a Substantive Change Committee to visit the institution within six months of the merger's implementation. The resulting institution will be known as Dallas College. (Projected implementation: July 2020)

University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

Approve the merger/consolidation of the University of South Florida with the University of South Florida St. Petersburg and the University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee (all are SACSCOC accredited institutions) and authorize a Substantive Change Committee visit. (Projected implementation: July 2020)

The Board accredited the following member institutions at a new degree level:

Brookhaven College, Farmers Branch, TX

Approve membership at Level II to offer the Bachelor of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education & Teaching and authorize a Substantive Change Committee to visit the institution within six months of the program's implementation. (Projected implementation: August 2021)

Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville, KY

Approve membership at Level III to offer (1) the Master of Arts in Ministry and authorize a Substantive Change Committee to visit the institution within six months of the program's implementation. (Projected implementation: August 2020); and (2) approval to offer this degree as a direct assessment competency-based program. (Projected implementation: August 2020)

McNeese State University, Lake Charles, LA

Approve membership at Level V to offer the Doctor of Nursing Practice and authorize a Substantive Change Committee to visit the institution within six months of the program's implementation. (Projected implementation: August 2020)

University of North Alabama, Florence, AL

Approve membership at Level V to offer the Doctor of Philosophy in Exercise Science and Health Promotion and authorize a Substantive Change Committee to visit the institution within six months of the program's implementation. (Projected implementation: August 2020)

University of North Alabama, Florence, AL

Approve membership at Level V to offer the Executive Doctor of Business Administration and authorize a Substantive Change Committee to visit the institution within six months of the program's implementation. (Projected implementation: January 2021)

Weatherford College, Weatherford, TX

Approve membership at Level II to offer the Bachelor of Science in Nursing and authorize a Substantive Change Committee to visit the institution within six months of the program's implementation. (Projected implementation: August 2020)

The Board approved the following substantive changes:

Columbia College, Columbia, SC

Approve the Master of Education in Trauma-Informed Education and authorize a Substantive Change Committee to visit the institution within six months of the program's implementation. (Projected implementation: August 2020)

Columbia College, Columbia, SC

Approve the Master of Biology for Science Educators degree program and authorize a Substantive Change Committee to visit the institution within six months of the program's implementation. (Projected implementation: August 2020)

Shorter University, Rome, GA

Approve the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT Pedagogy-only Program) (50% or more offered at a distance). A Substantive Change Committee visit was not authorized. (Projected implementation: August 2020)

Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX

Approve a change in governance and authorize a Substantive Change Committee to visit the institution within six months of the program's implementation. (Projected implementation: August 2020)