



Dr. John Gossett, President

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Dr. Belle S. Wheelan
President
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Commission on Colleges
1866 Southern Lane
Decatur, GA 30033-4097

Dear Dr. Wheelan:

McDowell Technical Community College plans to begin offering an Associate in Applied Science degree in Healthcare Management in the fall semester of 2020. A Curriculum Program Application was submitted to the North Carolina Community College System Office on October 11, 2019 seeking approval. On January 17, 2020, McDowell Tech received approval from the State Board of Community Colleges. This degree program will be offered on McDowell Tech's main campus, located at 54 College Drive, Marion, NC 28752.

Upon reviewing the Substantive Change policy, we believe this new offering is not a significant departure or change from our current offerings. The Associate in Applied in Healthcare Management degree is closely related to McDowell Tech's Health Information Technology and Office Systems Technology degrees. While we will be adding seven new courses, content in four of those new courses are closely related to four existing courses in Health Information Technology. Only three new courses will be added, GRO 120 Gerontology, HMT 211 Long-Term Care Administration, and OST 250 Long-Term Care Coding. This program does not require any new faculty, library and learning resources, student support services, physical resources or financial support. This letter serves as notification to the Commission of our new offerings.

Sincerely,

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