



Dr. John Gossett, President

April 9, 2019

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 Associate in Applied Science Degree in Air Conditioning, Heating & Refrigeration Technology (A35100) in the spring semester of 2020. We are currently approved to offer the Diploma (D35100) in Air Conditioning, Heating & Refrigeration Technology. A "Fast-Track" Curriculum Program Application was submitted to the North Carolina Community College System Office on March 20, 2019 seeking approval.

Program applications for existing program titles that meet the following criteria will be "fast-tracked" and may be processed within 60 days of submission:

- The application is complete, requires no further analysis or documentation, and is received by the System Office by the first working day of the month;
- There are no negative impact assessments; and
- The college does not go outside of its service area for planning purposes

McDowell Tech's application met those requirements and we received approval from the State Board of Community Colleges via letter from System President Peter Hans April 8, 2019. This degree program will be offered on McDowell Tech's main campus, located at 54 College Drive, Marion, NC 28752.

After consultation with SACSCOC Substantive Change staff and a lengthy discussion with the instructor and Dean of Curriculum concerning content and rigor, and upon reviewing the Substantive Change policy, we believe this offering is not a significant departure. There is less than 25% new course content and the new course content is as rigorous as the Diploma program's content. This letter serves as notification to the Commission of our new offerings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Ladelle Harmon'.

Ladelle Harmon
SACSCOC Liaison

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