



August 30, 2019

Dr. John D. Gossett
President
McDowell Technical Community College
54 College Drive
Marion, NC 28752

Dear Dr. Gossett:

Thank you for submitting the following substantive change:

Substantive change:

Program Closure

Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) in Industrial Systems Technology

Diploma in Industrial Systems Technology

Submission date:

3/8/2019

Implementation date:

8/1/2019

Case ID:

SC006578

Additional information was requested by the Commission via email; the response has been incorporated into the original submission.

McDowell Technical Community College notified the Commission that the institution will close the Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree program and the Diploma program in Industrial Systems Technology and admit no new students, effective fall 2019. This action is due to the fall 2019 implementation of the Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree program in Mechatronics Engineering Technology. The A.A.S. degree in Mechatronics Engineering Technology reflects a re-packaging of existing coursework with the addition of two new courses. The institution determined that the Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree program in Mechatronics Engineering Technology does not represent a significant departure from the institution's current program offerings and is not a substantive change.

As part of the teach-out plan for students in the Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree program and the Diploma program in Industrial Systems Technology, the Industrial Systems Technology instructor has met with students in these programs individually and advised them of the change from Industrial Systems Technology to Mechatronics Engineering Technology. Students currently enrolled in the Industrial Systems Technology programs will be able to complete their existing programs



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by fall 2020 or transition to the A.A.S. degree in Mechatronics Engineering Technology. The instructor has reviewed each student's transcript to determine the student's current standing in the program and has identified the next steps necessary to transition to the new program or to complete the existing program with course substitutions, if needed. Students will not face any additional charges or expenses relating to the transition of the program.

The Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges approves the closure of the Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree program and the Diploma program in Industrial Systems Technology.

Should you need assistance, please contact Dr. Denise Y. Young at 404-679-4501 or via email at dyoung@sascoc.org.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Belle S. Wheelan".

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.
President

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cc: Mr. Laddie Harmon, Director of Institutional Effectiveness
Dr. Denise Y. Young

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