



October 24, 2018

Mr. Ladelle Harmon, Jr.
Director of Institutional Effectiveness
McDowell Technical Community College
54 College Drive
Marion, NC 28752


Dear Mr. Harmon:

Thank you for your letter of July 17, 2018, in response to our letter of July 12, 2018, requesting additional information regarding the College's decision to discontinue participation in the Foothills Surgical Technology Consortium, effective fall 2018.

McDowell Technical Community College has made the decision to withdraw from the Foothills Surgical Technology Consortium, thereby closing its Diploma program in Surgical Technology. A detailed teach-out plan was provided. The final cohort of students enrolled in the one-year Diploma program graduated as of August 1, 2018; no new students will be admitted in the fall 2018 semester. Faculty and staff will not be impacted by the closure because only general education courses were taught by McDowell Tech as part of the consortium agreement. Faculty will continue their assigned teaching responsibilities.

We approve the closure of the Diploma program in Surgical Technology, effective fall 2018.

Sincerely,



Kevin W. Sightler, Ph.D.
Director of Substantive Change

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cc: Dr. John D. Gossett, President
Dr. Denise Y. Young