



February 28, 2025

Dr. James William Kelley
President
McDowell Technical Community College
54 College Drive
Marion, NC 28752

Dear Dr. Kelley:

Thank you for submitting the following substantive change:

Substantive change:

Program Closure
Associate in Emergency Management
Certificate in Emergency Management

Submission date:

12/19/2024

Intended Implementation date:

8/1/2025

Case ID:

SC029606

SACSCOC requested additional information via email on February 17, 2025. The institution's response on February 17, 2025, was added to the record and is reflected in the narrative below.

At the time the decision to close was made in December 2024, few students were enrolled in the Associate in Emergency Management and the Certificate in Emergency Management.

The students were given options for completing their programs. Students in the programs were notified of the program closure via email and in-person by the instructor. Students are set to graduate from the programs by August 1, 2025.

The institutional community was informed of the closures via website notices, campus meetings, internal newsletters, social media, and an email to the college. Prospective and any lapsed students will be informed of the closures via email, academic advisement outreach, social media, an announcement on the website, and mailed letters, if necessary. Faculty and staff were informed of the program closures via internal memos, department meetings, one-on-one meetings (as needed), and an official email from the administration.

No students will incur additional costs.

No faculty or staff will be impacted by these closures.



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The Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges approves the closure of the Associate in Emergency Management and the Certificate in Emergency Management.

Should you need assistance, please contact Dr. Denise Y. Young at (404) 492-5386 or via email at dyoung@sacscoc.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

BSW:TBB/sb

cc: Mr. Ladelle Harmon, Director of Institutional Effectiveness, McDowell Technical Community College
Dr. Denise Y. Young, Vice President, SACSCOC