



August 5, 2020

Dr. Scott Ralls  
President  
Wake Technical Community College  
9101 Fayetteville Road  
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Dear Dr. Ralls:

Thank you for submitting the following substantive change:

Substantive change:  
**Not Elsewhere Categorized**  
Submission date:  
**3/18/2020**  
Implementation date:  
**8/3/2020**  
Case ID:  
**SC010329**

The institution provided information regarding the intended implementation of Diploma in Practical Nursing, effective fall 2020.

Based on the documentation provided, it is not clear if the proposed program is a significant departure from existing programs. The institution should review its decision and make its own reasoned determination. Your answers to the six guiding questions in the Substantive Change for SACSCOC Accredited Institutions – Policy Statement under the 'significant departure' definition (p. 4) are indicators of the extent to which the program's content is a significant departure from existing programs:

1. What previously approved programs does the institution offer that are closely related to the new program and how are they related?
2. Will significant additional equipment or facilities be needed?
3. Will significant additional financial resources be needed?
4. Will a significant number of new courses be required?
5. Will a significant number of new faculty members be required?
6. Will significant additional library/learning resources be needed?

Keep in mind these questions are not a checklist. Determination of significant departure requires professional judgment, and is the responsibility of the institution. If you determine the program is



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a significant departure, please submit a prospectus. If you determine the program is not a significant departure, do not submit anything.

**We acknowledge the information.**

Should you need assistance, please contact Dr. Larry L. Earvin at 404-679-4501 or via email at [learvin@sacscoc.org](mailto:learvin@sacscoc.org).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin W. Sightler".

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

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cc: Dr. John B. Boone, Dean of Institutional Effectiveness, Accreditation, and Research  
Dr. Larry L. Earvin