

3.12 The institution notifies the Commission of changes in accordance with the substantive change policy and, when required, seeks approval prior to the initiation of changes. (See Commission policy "Substantive Change for Accredited Institutions.")
(Substantive change)

Compliance Status: Compliance

The College of Coastal Georgia has been prompt in notifying the Commission of changes in accordance with the substantive change policy and, when required, seeks approval prior to the initiation of changes.

At its meeting in [December 2008](#), SACSCOC granted the College initial approval as a Level II institution to offer these new baccalaureate degree programs:

- Bachelor of Business Administration in General Business
- Bachelor of Science in Education in Early Childhood/Special Education
- Bachelor of Science in Education in Middle Grades Education
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing

In [March 2009](#), as part of the transition to state college status, the College sought and received approval to discontinue the technical college programs effective July 1, 2009.

In April 2010, the College provided notification of [Associate of Applied Science Degree \(AAS\)](#) in Hospitality Management, offering specialization in either hotel operations or culinary arts; notification of baccalaureate degree offerings (beginning Fall Semester 2010) in [Biological Sciences and Health Informatics](#)

In [June 2010](#), the Board of Trustees of SACSCOC granted the College "continued accreditation" following review of membership at Level II, offering the Bachelor of Science in Education, the Bachelor of Science in Nursing, and the Bachelor of Business Administration degrees

In [August 2010](#), SACSCOC formally approved two new baccalaureate degree programs in Biological Sciences and Health Informatics based on substantive change prospectus submissions.

Throughout these substantive change processes, the College interacted with SACSCOC to ensure that all policies and procedures were followed. The College consults frequently with its SACSCOC staff representative, Dr. Tom Benberg. Additionally, College representatives have regularly attended SACSCOC annual meetings, workshops and seminars.

Supporting Documentation

[Letter from SACSCOC granting initial approval for elevation to Level II institution status, January, 2009](#)

[Letter from the USG Board of Regents approving request to discontinue technical college programs, March 17, 2009](#)

[Letter from SACSCOC approving the offering Associate of Applied Science Degree in Hospitality Management, August 9, 2010](#)

[Letter from USG Chancellor approving the establishment of Biological Sciences and Health Informatics baccalaureate programs for the College of Coastal Georgia, April 21, 2010](#)

[Letter from SACSCOC granting continued accreditation at Level II, July 8, 2010](#)

[Letter from SACSCOC approving the substantive change prospecti for Biological Sciences and Health Informatics, August 9, 2010](#)