



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Dr. Belle S. Wheelan, President  
Commission on Colleges  
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools  
1866 Southern Lane  
Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097

Dear Dr. Wheelan:

This letter is to notify you that the College of Coastal Georgia (CCGA) is planning to close the associate's degree program the Clinical Laboratory Technology by the end of 2015-2016 academic year.

This recommendation is made with the intent to move toward a bachelor's level program in Medical Laboratory Science (MLS) by offering a concentration within the Pre-Professional Biology Baccalaureate degree program. This transition will not only meet the increased need for MLS prepared students, but also better prepare the students for employability in a changing market as well as make students more competitive for professional school programs.

CCGA is taking the following steps to assist students, faculty, and staff who will be affected by the program termination.

1. Enrolled students in the associate's degree program in Clinical Laboratory Technology were sent a notification letter from the Dean of Arts & Sciences informing them that their program has been terminated. The notification letter included the date of termination for the program and information describing the teach-out plan.
2. In addition, each student was provided an individualized academic map, which will enable him or her to complete the program requirements within the teach-out period.
3. Course offerings in the terminated program will continue until summer 2016. Students were offered the option of selecting a different major or transferring to another institution to complete their degree. No new students have been enrolled in the program beginning summer 2014.
4. A second notification was sent to prospective students that applied in summer 2015, but were not accepted due to program closure. The intent was to apprise those applicants of the new Medical Laboratory Science concentration and to encourage them to meet with the program coordinator to determine the appropriate next steps.
5. No extra charges or costs were incurred in the program or by students. The current MLT budget has not been impacted and has remained for this year.
6. All MOUs with associated clinical affiliates have not changed and are currently up-to-date.
7. Faculty will receive a notification letter from the Dean of Arts & Sciences informing them of the program termination and implications on program teaching assignments.

Please let me know if any additional information or action is required.

Sincerely,

Gregory F. Aloia, Ph.D.  
President

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