



August 25, 2014

Dr. William D. Law, Jr.
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Dear Dr. Law:

Thank you for your letter of May 5, 2014, to the Commission regarding the closure of six Computer Programming and Analysis certificate programs, effective fall 2014.

The six programs will be consolidated, as of fall 2014, into a single 18 semester credit hour Computer Programming Specialist certificate program. The change is a consequence of state-level mandated curriculum revisions. The programs slated for closure are:

- C#
- C++
- Java
- Mobile Device
- Open Source
- Visual Basic Net

We accept notification.

The programs will cease admissions as of fall 2014, the effective closure date of the programs. All courses will continue to be offered. Students were informed by academic advisors and were counseled individually in-person to develop a program completion plan. Current students have the option of continuing in the curricula under which they were admitted (if they complete by the end of fall 2015) or they may transition to the new program. Faculty members are fully apprised of the closures. Staff members were notified following the College's established procedures for program closures and will be reinforced in monthly staff meetings. Students will not incur any additional charges or costs as a result of the closures. Faculty members will continue to teach the courses that were part of the programs; no positions will be eliminated and no reassignments are necessary. There will be no staff changes. There are no other resource implications.

The Commission approves closure of the C#, C++, Java, Mobile Device, Open Source, and Visual Basic Net certificate programs and requests no additional information.

Best regards,

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President

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cc: Ms. Sabrina Crawford, Executive Director of Institutional Research and Effectiveness
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