

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS COMMISSION ON COLLEGES

October 14, 2016

Dr. Ann Cooper Senior Vice President St. Petersburg College P.O. Box 13489 St. Petersburg, FL 33733-3489

Dear Dr. Cooper:

Thank you for your letter of September 29, 2016 (arrived in our office October 10, 2016), conveying a copy of the signed teach-out agreement with Eckerd College to teach out students in Eckerd's Program for Experienced Learners (PEL) degree completion program and requesting a waiver of Comprehensive Standard 3.5.2 (Institutional credits for a degree). The teach-out agreement applies only to Eckerd's students currently enrolled in the PEL program, not to Eckerd students in general.

The teach-out agreement is effective as of the date of this letter, and will terminate when the Eckerd College students accepted under the terms of the agreement have graduated from St. Petersburg College, have failed to be continuously enrolled at the College, or four (4) years from the date of this agreement, whichever comes first.

The College will waive application fees for students applying under the agreement and will consider all applicants who are in good academic and social standing as of December 2016. Students applying under the agreement will pay current tuition and fees, and will be subject to the residency requirements for in-state and out-of-state tuition.

St. Petersburg College will accept credits from Eckerd College or from previously attended institutions according to St. Petersburg's policies for accepting transfer credit, and will provide to each student it accepts an inventory specifying additional coursework that will be required to complete a degree at St. Petersburg College.

Eligible students must apply and be accepted by January 9, 2017, and must enroll in classes for the fall 2017 term or earlier. Any Eckerd student who fails to submit an application by January 9, 2017, shall be excluded from the agreement.

Students enrolling under the plan will be required to meet St. Petersburg's program length requirement. St. Petersburg College will offer only those courses of study for which it is already approved.



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We approve the teach-out agreement for St. Petersburg College to teach out Eckerd College students enrolled in Eckerd's Program for Experienced Learners.

The College has requested a waiver of SACSOC Comprehensive Standard 3.5.2 (Institutional credits for a degree). The Executive Council of the SACSCOC Board of Trustees approved the waiver on October 13, 2016.

Best regards,

Sarah L. Armstrong, Ph.D.

Director of Substantive Change

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