



Office of the Executive Vice President for
Academic Affairs and Provost

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Dr. Kevin Sightler, Director of Substantive Change
Commission on Colleges
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
1866 Southern Lane
Decatur, GA 30033-4097

Dear Dr. Sightler:

This letter serves as notification to the Southern Association of Colleges and School Commission on Colleges to terminate the post-baccalaureate certificate in Counselor Education (Career Development Facilitator) program.

Postbaccalaureate Certificate, Counselor Education, Certificate (Career Development Facilitator)

- South Carolina no longer offers a higher salary for those who obtain a career development certificate.
- This certificate no longer meets standards for the national career development facilitator credential.
- The last student enrolled in the program graduated December 2024.
- Closure of the program was communicated to faculty, staff and students through several forms of communication (via email, direct mail, face-to-face, advisors, website, and staff and faculty meetings).
- There will be no direct impact to faculty and staff because of this closure as there is sufficient work and responsibilities for faculty and staff after closing this program.

The University of South Carolina Columbia will terminate the program effective Spring 2025.

Please let us know if you have any questions regarding this notification.

Sincerely,

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Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

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