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## **Report on Terminated and Approved Academic Degree Programs, Program Modifications, July 2012 – June 2013 (For Information Only)**

### **Background**

This report is presented to members of the Committee for information only to provide an overview of program termination and approval activity from July 2012 through June 2013. It also includes changes to concentrations, options, and tracks; programs extended to or terminated from specific sites; and new and terminated pre- and post-baccalaureate and graduate certificates.

The *Policies and Procedures for Program Approval* approved by the Commission in October 2012 are posted on the Commission's web site at:

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## **Termination and Approval of Academic Degree Programs**

The following tables show Academic Degree Programs Terminated and Approved in fiscal year 2012-13.

**Table 1: Academic Degree Programs Terminated and Approved 2012-13  
Four-Year Institutions**

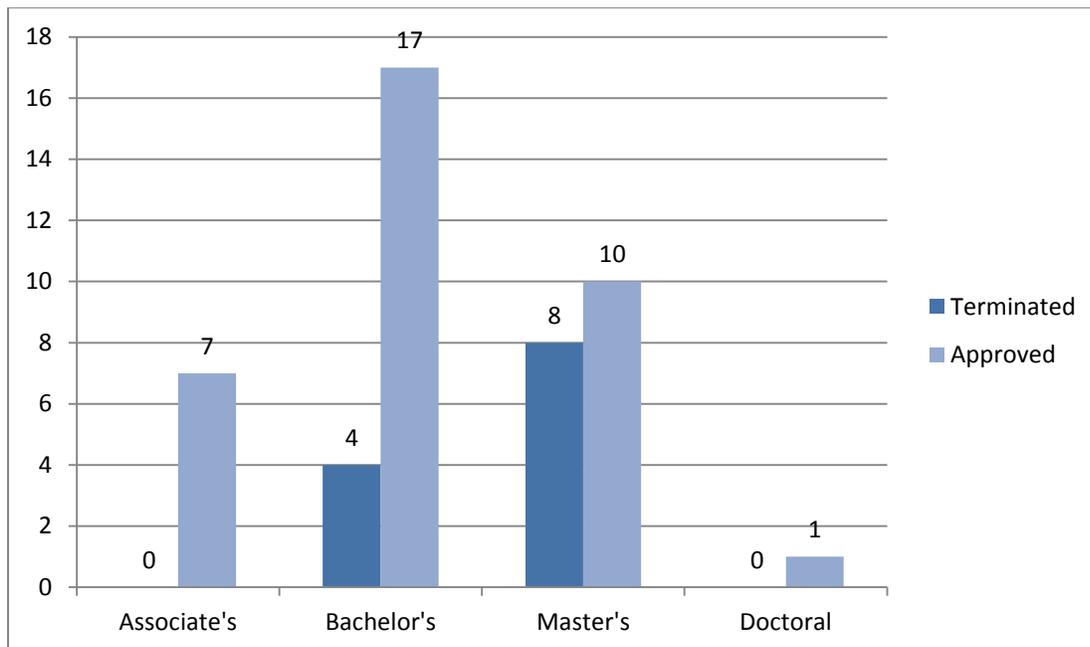
<b>Institution</b>	<b>Terminated</b>	<b>Approved</b>
Clemson	B.S. in Secondary Education: Social Studies	B.A. and B.S. in Anthropology
		Ed.S. in Counselor Education
		B.A. in Pan-African Studies
		B.A. in Religious Studies
		B.A. in Sports Communication
		B.A. in Women's Leadership
		Ed.S. in Counselor Education
The Citadel	M.Ed. in Physical Education	B.S. in Exercise Science
		M.A. in Sport Management
		M.Ed. in Interdisciplinary STEM Education
Coastal Carolina		Ph.D. in Marine Science
College of Charleston		B.A. in Archeology
		B.S. in Finance
		B.S. in Foreign Language Education
		B.S./A.B. in Marketing
		Bachelor of Professional Studies (B.P.S.)
Francis Marion		B.S. in Pharmaceutical Studies
		M.S.N., Nurse Educator
Lander		B.A./B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies
		M.S. in Emergency Management
		M.S.N., Clinical Nurse Leader
South Carolina State	L.P.N. to B.S.N. and Generic B.S.N. in Nursing <sup>1</sup>	M.S. in Energy and Environmental Science
USC Beaufort		B.A. in Elementary Education
USC Columbia	B.S.E. in Engineering Sciences	B.A. in Environmental Studies
	M.M. in Music History	B.S. in Integrated Information Technology
	M.M. in Music Composition	
	M.M. in Piano Pedagogy	
	M.M. in Music History	
	M.M. in Conducting	
	M.M. in Jazz Studies	
M.M. in Opera Theatre		
USC Upstate		M.A. in Teaching, Visual Impairment Education
		M.S. in Informatics
		M.S.N., Clinical Nurse Leader
Winthrop		B.A. in Individual Studies

<sup>1</sup> The L.P.N. to B.S.N and B.S.N. generic programs at South Carolina State University were terminated as required by the State Board of Nursing.

**Table 2: Academic Degree Programs Terminated and Approved 2012-13  
Technical Colleges**

Institution	Terminated	Approved
Aiken		A.A.S. in Nuclear Quality Systems
Greenville		A.A.S. in Mechatronics Technology
Horry-Georgetown		A.A.S. in Health Information Management
Orangeburg-Calhoun		A.A.S. in Physical Therapy Assistant
Spartanburg		A.A.S. in Early Care and Education
Tri-County		A.A.S. in Computer Numerical Control (CNC), Programming and Operations
Trident		A.A.S. in Homeland Security Management

**Figure 1. Terminated and Approved Academic Degree Programs by Degree Level  
2012-13**



As shown in Figure 1, 67 percent of the academic degree program terminations occurred at the master's degree level, while 49 percent of new programs approved occurred at the bachelor's degree level.

**Table 3. Terminated and Approved Academic Degree Programs by Degree Level  
2012-13**

	<b>Terminated Programs</b>	<b>Approved Programs</b>	<b>Net</b>
<b>Associate's</b>	0	7	<b>7</b>
<b>Bachelor's</b>	4	17	<b>13</b>
<b>Master's</b>	8	10	<b>2</b>
<b>Doctoral</b>	0	1	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>23</b>

**Table 4. Terminated and Approved Academic Degree Programs by Institution Type, 2012-13**

	<b>Terminated Programs</b>	<b>Approved Programs</b>	<b>Net</b>
<b>Technical Colleges</b>	0	7	<b>7</b>
<b>Regional Two-Year Campuses</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Comprehensive Teaching Institutions</b>	3	20	<b>17</b>
<b>Research Universities</b>	9	8	<b>-1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>23</b>

As the Table 4 shows, the research universities had the most academic degree program terminations while the comprehensive teaching institutions received the majority of new academic degree program approvals.

### **Modifications of Academic Degree Programs**

The following table shows modifications of programs for the 2012-13 year.

**Table 5: Program Modifications 2012-13**

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Type of Modification</b>	<b>Description of Modification</b>
Clemson	Relocation	M.B.A., M.S. in Management, and M.S. in Marketing programs were relocated from Clemson at the Falls to the Greenville One site. The Master of Professional Accountancy (M.P.Acc.) program was moved from the University Center of Greenville to both Clemson at the Falls and Greenville One. The Master of Real Estate Development (M.R.E.D.) program was relocated from the main campus to Greenville One.
Coastal	Add concentration	M.Ed. in Learning and Teaching by adding a concentration in Special Education High Incidence Disabilities PreK-Grade 12 (Emotional, Intellectual, and Learning).

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Type of Modification</b>	<b>Description of Modification</b>
USC Columbia	Redefine concentrations	Master of Music by offering a single degree program with six concentrations: Composition, Conducting, Jazz Studies, Music History, Opera Theatre, and Piano Pedagogy. Stand-alone degree programs were terminated to allow for the institution to combine six of its current music program offerings at the Master's level into a single degree with six concentrations to more fully and appropriately represent the content of these concentrations as well as better meet the goals of the School of Music
Winthrop	Add option for add-on certification	B.S. in Early Childhood Education and B.S. in Elementary Education by providing an option for an add-on certification in Pre-K-Grade 3 Early Childhood Education to increase candidates' opportunities for teacher certification and employment
Winthrop	Add concentrations	B.S. in Family and Consumer Sciences by adding concentrations in Adolescent Studies, Consumer Studies, and Early Childhood Studies

**Program Concentrations**

The following table shows terminations and additions of program concentrations.

**Table 6: Program Concentrations Terminated and Added 2012-13**

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Terminated Concentrations</b>	<b>Added Concentrations</b>
Clemson	<i>Agribusiness</i> from the B.S. in Applied Economics and Statistics (the B.S. in Applied Economics and Statistics was then renamed the B.S. in Agribusiness)	
College of Charleston	<i>Exercise Science and Health</i> from the program leading to the B.S. and A.B. in Physical Education	
USC Columbia	<i>Primary Care</i> from the M.S.N. in Health Nursing	<i>Children's and Young Adult Literature</i> and <i>School Library Media</i> to the Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Library and Information Sciences
	<i>Corporate Finance, Financial Services, and Investments</i> from the B.S.B.A. in Finance	<i>Biomolecular Engineering, Energy, Interdisciplinary Engineering, and Materials</i> to the B.S.E. in Chemical Engineering
	<i>Archives</i> from the M.A. in Public History	<i>Primary Care Practitioner-Family, Primary Care Practitioner-Adult Gerontological, and Primary Care Practitioner-Pediatric</i> to the M.S.N. in Health Nursing
Winthrop	<i>Food Systems Management and Nutrition Science</i> from the program leading to the B.S. in Human Nutrition	<i>Conservation Biology</i> to the program leading to the B.S. in Biology

## Programs Terminated from and Extended to Specific Sites

The programs terminated from or extended to specific sites are listed below.

**Table 7: Programs Terminated from and Extended to Specific Sites 2012-13**

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Programs Terminated from Specific Sites</b>	<b>Programs Extended to Specific Sites</b>
Clemson		M.S. in Civil Engineering by offering it 100% online
		M.A. in Professional Communications by offering it 100% online
Lander	B.S. in Political Science at the University Center of Greenville	
	B.S. in sociology at the University Center of Greenville location	
	M.Ed. in Montessori Education at the University Center of Greenville	
Tri-County		A.S. in Liberal Arts and Sciences by adding a Blended Delivery format
		A.A.S. in Accounting by adding a Blended Delivery format
		A.A.S. in Administrative Office Technology by adding a Blended Delivery format
		A.A.S. in Computer Technology by adding a Blended Delivery format
		A.A.S. in Administrative Office Technology to the Anderson Branch campus
		A.A.S. in Computer Technology to the Anderson Branch campus
		A.A. and A.S. in Liberal Arts and Sciences to the Easley Branch campus
		A.A.S. in Administrative Office Technology to the Easley Branch campus
		A.A.S. in Criminal Justice Technology to the Easley Branch campus
		A.A.S. in Computer Technology to the Easley Branch campus
Trident	A.A.S. in Automotive Technology at the Anderson District 5 site	A.A.S. in General Technology program to the Summerville-Trolley Road site
	A.A.S. in Emergency Medical Technology at the main campus	A.A./A.S. in Liberal Arts and Sciences to both the Berkeley and the Palmer campuses
	A.A.S. in Aircraft Maintenance Technology at the main campus	A.A.S. in General Technology to both the Berkeley and the Palmer campuses
	A.A.S. in Veterinary Technology at the main campus	A.A.S. in Automotive Technology to the Pendleton (main) site
		A.A.S. in Emergency Medical Technology program to the Palmer campus
		A.A.S. in Aircraft Maintenance Technology to the Berkeley campus
		A.A.S. in Veterinary Technology to the Berkeley campus

## **Certificate Programs Terminated and Added**

The certificate programs terminated or added are listed below.

**Table 8: Certificate Programs Terminated and Added 2012-13**

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Certificate Program Terminated</b>	<b>Certificate Program Added</b>
Clemson		Baccalaureate Certificate in Engineering and Science
		Graduate Certificate in Athletic Leadership in Education
		Post-baccalaureate Certificate in Digital Ecologies
		Post-baccalaureate Certificate in Social Impact Design 1:1 Architecture + Community
College of Charleston		Post-baccalaureate certificate in Operations Research
MUSC	Post-master's Certificate in Family Practitioner	Graduate Certificate in Biomedical Sciences
	Post-master's Certificate in Nursing - Gerontology	
	Post-master's Certificate in Nursing Administration with a concentration in <i>Nurse Administrator</i>	
	Post-master's Certificate in Nursing Individual Health Systems, Psychiatric Mental Health Advance Practice	
	Post-master's Certificate in Pediatric Nurse Practitioner	
USC Columbia		Post-baccalaureate Certificate in Social Work with Military Members, Veterans, and Military Families

## **Comparison of Terminated and Approved Academic Degree Programs, Program Concentrations, Sites, and Certificates**

The tables above shows that academic degree programs, program components, and sites terminated and approved encompass several different fields. Table 9 compares the number of academic degree programs, program concentrations, and sites terminated with the number of those approved and added by curricular area. Table 10 compares the number of academic degree programs, program components, and site terminated with the number of those approved and added by institution while Tables 11, 12, and 13 compare the same information by category and type of institution, respectively. These tables also include the concentrations and sites terminated or added as a result of program modifications.

**Table 9. Terminated and Approved Academic Degree Programs, Program Concentrations, and Sites 2012-13**

Curricular Area	Degree Programs		Concentrations		Sites		Certificates		Total	
	T*	A*	T	A	T	A	T	A	T	A
Anthropology		1								1
Archaeology		1								1
Automotive or Aircraft Technology					2	2			2	2
Business/Finance/ Marketing		2	4		5	10			9	12
Communications						1				1
Computer Science		3				3		1		7
Criminal Justice						1				1
Education	2	6	1	1	1			1	4	8
Emergency/ Homeland Security Management		2								2
Engineering	1			4		1		1	1	6
Environmental Science		2								2
Exercise Science		1								1
Family and Consumer Science				3						3
General Liberal Arts						4				4
General Technology						3				3
Health-Related Fields		3			1	1		1	1	5
History			1						1	
Individual Studies		2								2
Industrial Electronics Technology						1				1
Library Science				3						3
Marine Science		1								1
Mechatronics		1								1
Music	7			6					7	6
Nuclear Quality Systems		1								1
Nursing	2	3	1	3			5		8	6
Nutrition			2						2	
Pan-African Studies		1								1
Political Science					1				1	
Professional Studies		1								1
Religious Studies		1								1
Social Work								1		1
Sociology					1				1	
Sports Management/Communication		2								2

Curricular Area	Degree Programs		Concentrations		Sites		Certificates		Total	
	T*	A*	T	A	T	A	T	A	T	A
Women's Leadership		1								1
Veterinary Technology					1	1			1	1
Other								2		2
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>90</b>

\*Note: T=Terminated and A = Added

**Table 10. Terminated and Approved Academic Degree Programs, Program Concentrations, Sites, and Certificates 2012-13**

Institution	Degree Programs		Concentrations		Sites		Certificates		Total		Net
	T*	A*	T	A	T	A	T	A	T	A	
Aiken		1							0	1	1
Central Carolina									0	0	0
Denmark									0	0	0
Florence-Darlington									0	0	0
Greenville		1							0	1	1
Horry-Georgetown		1							0	1	1
Midlands									0	0	0
Northeastern									0	0	0
Orangeburg-Calhoun		1							0	1	1
Piedmont									0	0	0
Spartanburg CC		1							0	1	1
College of the Lowcountry									0	0	0
Tri-County		1				11			0	12	12
Trident		1			4	9			4	10	6
Williamsburg									0	0	0
York									0	0	0
<b>Subtotal Two-years</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>23</b>
The Citadel	1	3							1	3	2
Clemson	1	6	1		5	8		4	7	18	11
Coastal Carolina		1		1					0	2	2
College of Charleston		5	1					1	1	6	5
Francis Marion		2							0	2	2
Lander		3			3				3	3	0
MUSC							5	1	5	1	-4
South Carolina State	2	1							2	1	-1

Institution	Degree Programs		Concentrations		Sites		Certificates		Total		Net
	T*	A*	T	A	T	A	T	A	T	A	
USC Aiken									0	0	0
USC Beaufort		1							0	1	1
USC Columbia	8	2	5	15				1	13	18	5
USC Upstate		3							0	3	3
Winthrop		1	2	4					2	5	3
<b>Subtotal Four-years</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>29</b>
USC Regional Campuses									0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>52</b>

\*Note: T=Terminated and A = Approved

**Table 11. Terminated and Approved Academic Degree Programs, Program Concentrations, Sites, and Certificates by Program Category and Degree Level 2012-13**

Program Category	Academic Degrees		Concentrations		Sites		Certificates	
	T*	A*	T	A	T	A	T	A
Associate's		7			4	20		
Bachelor's	4	17	7	8	2			1
Post-baccalaureate				2				6
Master's	8	9	2	10	6	8		
Post-master's							5	
Specialist		1						
Doctoral		1						
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>

\*Note: T=Terminated and A = Approved

**Table 12. Terminated and Approved Academic Degree Programs, Program Concentrations, Sites, and Certificates by Program Category 2012-13**

	Terminated	Approved	Net
<b>Academic Degree Programs (Associate, Bachelor, Master, and Doctoral)</b>	12	35	<b>23</b>
<b>Concentrations</b>	9	20	<b>11</b>
<b>Sites</b>	12	28	<b>16</b>
<b>Certificates</b>	5	7	<b>2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>52</b>

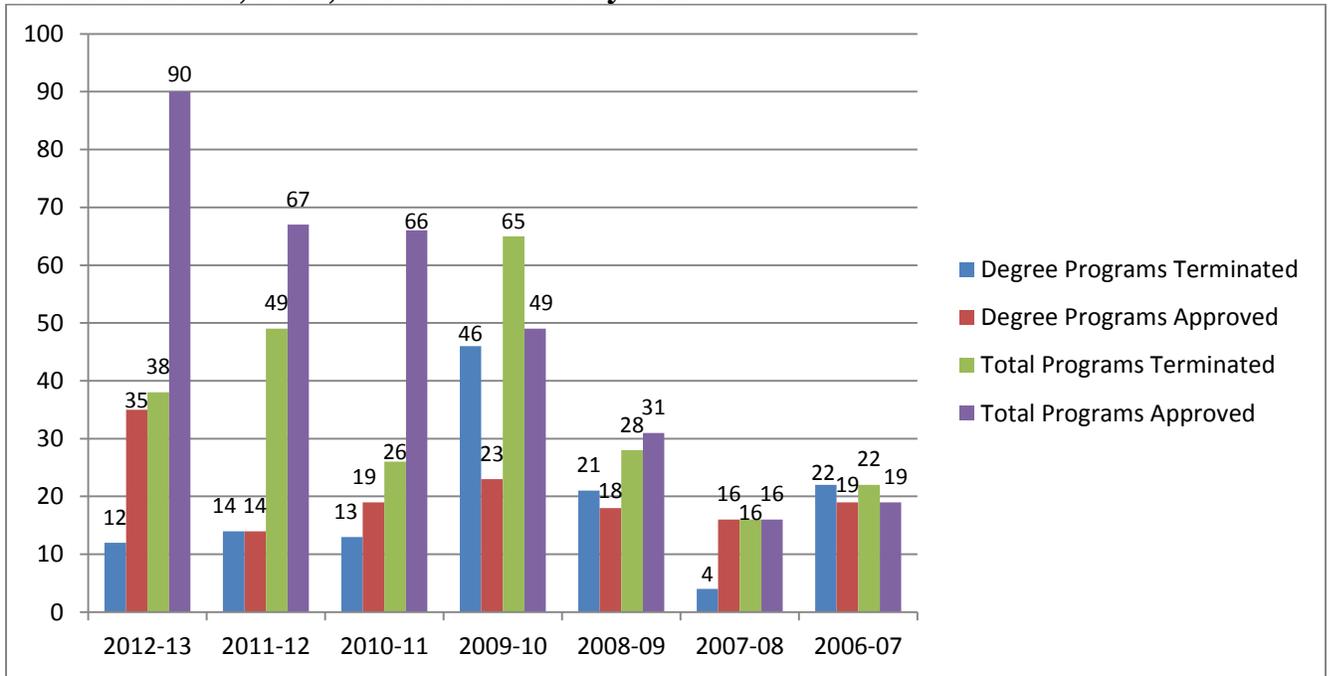
**Table 13. Terminated and Approved Academic Degree Programs, Program Concentrations, Sites, and Certificates by Institution Type 2012-3**

	Terminated	Approved	Net
<b>Technical Colleges</b>	4	27	23
<b>Regional Two-Year Campuses</b>	0	0	0
<b>Comprehensive Teaching Universities</b>	9	22	13
<b>Research Universities</b>	25	41	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>52</b>

**Comparison of Terminated and Approved Academic Degree Programs, Program Concentrations, Sites, and Certificates by Year**

The following chart compares the number of academic degree programs, program concentrations, and sites terminated with the number of those approved by year for the past few years.

**Figure 2. Terminated and Approved Academic Degree Programs Program Concentrations, Sites, and Certificates by Year**



Note: Total programs refer to Academic Degree Programs, Program Concentrations, and Sites.

During the 2012-13 year, there was an increase in the total number of degree programs, program concentrations, and sites approved. There was also a significant increase in the number of academic degree programs approved. It is worth noting that overall, both program approval and termination activity has increased over the past few years. However, the largest increase in both academic degree and total program terminations occurred in FY 2009-10, most likely as a result of the economic recession.