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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Members, Advisory Committee on Academic Programs  
**From:** Dr. Gail M. Morrison, Director of Academic Affairs and Licensing

**Informational Report on Dual Enrollment (Fall 2006)**

**Introduction**

The Commission on Higher Education's *Statewide Higher Education Policy for Delivery and Transferability of "Dual Enrollment" Coursework Offered in High Schools* (<http://www.che.sc.gov/AcademicAffairs/DualEnrollment.pdf>) includes the requirements that:

- A. Each institution shall develop an annual report on dual enrollment offerings that demonstrates compliance with these policy and procedure guidelines for each dual enrollment course offered to high school students.
- B. This annual report shall be submitted to the Division of Academic Affairs and Licensing of the Commission on Higher Education by September of each year for the prior academic year. Each technical college shall send its annual report to the State Technical College System office which shall assemble a summary report for the technical college system and transmit it and the 16 institutional reports to the CHE.
- C. The Commission on Higher Education, in consultation with its Advisory Committee on Academic Programs, shall annually provide the standardized format for the institutional reports.
- D. The Commission shall issue annually a report on dual enrollment offerings of the prior year by public institutions of higher education in South Carolina.

"Dual Enrollment" as defined in the policy refers exclusively to sections of courses offered through an institution of higher education in a cooperative arrangement

with a local school district. According to the policy statement, courses accepted for dual enrollment credit should lead to Associate or Baccalaureate degrees.

In compliance with this policy, and in keeping with the requirements of the Education and Economic Development Act of 2005, Commission staff surveyed in Spring 2007 the state's institutions on higher education to determine dual enrollment course offerings and compliance with the established dual enrollment policy. All institutions responded to the survey as required by policy. A copy of the survey is at the end of this document, complete with a response summary for each item and a chart of institutional responses.

## **Results**

Twenty-eight of the state's 33 institutions reported offering some form of dual enrollment courses. A detailed chart of dual enrollment offerings and participation is below. The chart includes data for each institution on the number of courses offered, the number of course sections taught, the number of separate locations at which courses were taught, and the number of students enrolled in the courses. It must be noted that the student numbers are duplicated numbers and that the actual number of individual students who take at least one dual enrollment course is certain to be significantly lower than the totals reported. Locations, section numbers, and the number of courses are not duplicated. The Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) numbers and totals below represent a relatively accurate approximation of overall participation.

	Offers Dual Enrollment	# of Courses Offered	# of Sections Offered	Total # of Locations	Total # of Students - (Duplicated)	Approximate FTE
Clemson	Yes	1	5	5	54	5
USC Columbia	Yes	7	29	13	354	35
MUSC	No					
Totals for Research Institutions			34	18	408	41
The Citadel	Yes	1	5	3	74	7
Coastal Carolina Univ.	Yes	4	17	13	212	21
College of Charleston	Yes	1	5	5	53	5
Francis Marion Univ.	Yes	1	21	21	267	27
Lander University	No					
SC State Univ.	No					
USC Aiken	Yes	1	14	14	230	23
USC - Beaufort	Yes	3	5	3	80	8
USC Upstate	No					
Winthrop University	Yes	1	14	14	344	34
Totals for Teaching Institutions			81	73	1260	126
USC - Lancaster	Yes	12	23	9	524	52
USC - Salkehatchie	Yes	13	35	11	435	44
USC - Sumter	Yes	7	10	3	218	22
USC - Union	Yes	12	15	5	348	35
Totals for Regional Campuses			83	28	1525	153
Aiken Tech	No					
Central Carolina Tech	Yes	10	32	6	526	53
Denmark Tech	Yes	14	27	7	536	54
Florence-Darlington	Yes	12	22	7	308	31
Greenville Tech	Yes	32	62	13	831	83
Horry-Georgetown Tech	Yes	20	44	5	590	59
Midlands Tech	Yes	9	21	10	319	32
Northeastern Tech	Yes	2	2	1	20	2
Orangeburg-Calhoun	Yes	15	29	5	511	51
Piedmont Tech	Yes	25	78	14	1435	144
Spartanburg Community College	Yes	9	10	4	145	15
Tech Coll. of LowCountry	Yes	23	41	6	587	59
Tri-County Tech	Yes	10	30	5	504	50
Trident Tech	Yes	20	88	14	1228	123
Williamsburg Tech	Yes	7	7	4	64	6
York	Yes	31	72	3	809	81
Totals for Technical Colleges			565	104	8413	841
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>763</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>11606</b>	<b>1161</b>
<b>PERCENTAGES</b>						
Research			4.5%	8.1%	3.5%	3.5%
Teaching			10.6%	32.7%	10.9%	10.9%
Regional			10.9%	12.6%	13.1%	13.1%
Technical			74.0%	46.6%	72.5%	72.5%
			100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

According to the survey responses, all of the institutions are in compliance with most of the state policy, but only half are completely in compliance with the policy. In every instance of non-compliance, the issue is with the policy requirement that:

*Prior to course registration, an institution offering a dual enrollment course shall advise students in writing that it is the student's responsibility to contact and receive written assurance from any nonpublic institution in South Carolina or any public or private institution outside South Carolina of that institution's willingness to accept a dual enrollment course toward degree requirements.*

Fourteen of the 28 institutions offering dual enrollment courses did not include a copy of their policy. This is an issue that will be addressed with the institutions on an individual basis in order to achieve full compliance with policy in the coming year.

The technical college system is by far the state's leading source of dual enrollment instruction. The system accounts for 74% of the sections offered. The headcount student numbers reported in the chart are duplicated numbers, and the technical colleges are more likely to offer multiple courses at any one location, which suggests that the indicated technical college percentage of dual enrollment students, 72.5%, is exaggerated. However, the FTE percentage, 72.5%, does accurately reflect the relative number of dual enrollment credit hours earned through the technical colleges.

Dual enrollment courses were offered in 233 separate locations around the state. These locations include college campuses, public high schools, private schools and academies, and through distance education (2 sections).

Student costs for dual enrollment courses ranged from \$0 to \$289, not including the cost of books. In many cases, a single institution might charge different amounts for courses based on the type of course, the location, and contract details with the school district. Regional campuses offerings varied widely from USC-Salkehatchie, which charged from \$0 to \$289 per course, to USC-Sumter, which had no student costs for its dual enrollment courses. LTAP funds were used by some technical colleges and some regional campuses to offset student costs.

Most four-year institutions reported no student costs. Of the four four-year institutions that indicated that there were costs to students, USC-Columbia reported the highest student cost at \$198 for a course. Francis Marion University reported a nominal cost of \$10 per course. Clemson University and Coastal Carolina University reported student costs which were between those of USC-Columbia and Francis Marion. It should be noted that most of the dual enrollment courses offered by the four-year institutions were offered through the Teacher Cadet Program.

The technical colleges were unable to report on dual enrollment costs to students due to the nature of their contract arrangements with the school districts. Institutions receive full tuition from the districts, but actual costs to the students are not reported to the institutions.

The dual enrollment courses offered by the technical colleges included 40 General Education courses offered in 390 sections. The technical colleges were far more likely than the four-year institutions to offer courses that went beyond the introductory level of a subject. They also offered 86 technical courses such as welding in 175 sections.

The four-year institutions and regional campuses offered 198 sections of dual enrollment courses. One hundred and nineteen of these sections were divided among 23 General Education courses, seven introduction to university courses such as University 101, and a single course in Hotel, Restaurant Management. The additional 79 sections were in courses offered through the Teacher Cadet program, primarily Introduction to Teaching.



6. How many Dual Enrollment instructors in the current academic year at the institution held principal employment in a K-12 school district?

**Institutional responses ranged from 0% to 100%, with all of the 100% responses coming from Teacher Cadet programs. See chart for details.**

7. The institution meets criteria for providing all necessary extra-classroom and classroom resources required by the CHE statewide policy on Dual Enrollment and by SACS.

Yes **28**

8. Does the institution have any cooperative agreements with other public higher education institutions offering Dual Enrollment courses within the institution's geographic/service area?

Yes **1** No **14** N/A **13**

9. (*Technical Colleges only respond to this item.*) Dual Enrollment courses offered by the institution are offered only in its designated service area.

Yes **14** No **1**

10. Have students receiving credit for Dual Enrollment courses offered by your institution reported a lack of acceptance or transfer of credit earned in a Dual Enrollment course by another in-state public institution?

Yes **2** No **26**

If "Yes," please list the name of each institution, the course(s) and the issue(s):

**Horry-Georgetown Tech and Tech College of the Lowcountry both reported that Clemson did not accept some courses. TCL was not specific, but HGTC mentioned Eng 101 and 102. HGTC also mentioned that some courses were accepted only as elective credit.**

11. Does each instructor of a Dual Enrollment section offered by this institution have access to an on-campus faculty liaison for dual enrollment?

Yes **28**

12. In accordance with the statewide Dual Enrollment policy for all public institutions, please attach a copy of the written statement concerning course acceptance which this institution provides to students prior to enrollment in a Dual Enrollment course section.

**Fourteen institutions included their policy. Others communicated that they were revising their policy in this area in response to this question.**

**Sections of Courses Offered For 2005-2006**

**Institution:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Semester offered:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Location:** \_\_\_\_\_

Course Designator <sup>1</sup>										
Number Enrolled <sup>2</sup>										
HS Year Enrolled (F, So, J Sr) <sup>3</sup>										
HS GPA Range <sup>4</sup>										
Average cost incurred by student <sup>5</sup>										
Total cost for this course										

<sup>1</sup> e.g., ENG101. Each column is for a separate course.

<sup>2</sup> Total students enrolled in the course.

<sup>3</sup> Total students in course from each class, e.g., F-0, So-0, J-3, Sr-6.

<sup>4</sup> The range of GPAs of students enrolled in the course, e.g., 3.0-4.0.

<sup>5</sup> The average dollar amount paid by the students to take this course.



**CHE Annual Dual Enrollment Survey Response - 2007**

Public Senior Institutions	Dual Enrollment			2. Postsecondary Credit			3. Instructor Met SAC Criteria		4. Instructor Met SAC Crit. Eval. Instru.		5. % DE Faculty are FT Fac @ Inst	6. DE Instruc Princi. Employ. K-12		7. Meets Criteria Requir CHE Statewide Poli	
	Yes	No		Yes	No	DK	Yes	No	Yes	No	0.00%	Number	Percent	Yes	No
The Citadel	1			1			1		1		0%	0	0%	1	
Clemson University	1			1			1		1		0%		100%	1	
Coastal Carolina University	1			1			1		1		0%	2	12%	1	
College of Charleston	1			1			1		1		0%	1	100%	1	
Francis Marion University	1			1			1		1		0%	21	100%	1	
Lander University		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	0
Medical University of SC		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	0
South Carolina State University		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	0
University of South Carolina	1			1			1		1		0%	0	0%	1	
USC-Aiken	1			1			1		1		0%	14	100%	1	
USC-Beaufort	1			1			1		1		0%	0	0%	1	
USC-Upstate		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	0
Winthrop University	1			1			1		1		0%	14	100%	1	
<b>Two-Year Regional Campuses (USC)</b>															
USC-Lancaster	1			1			1		1		77%	1	11%	1	
USC-Salkehatchie	1			1			1		1		40%	2	20%	1	
USC-Sumter	1			1			1		1		14%	0	0%	1	
USC-Union	1			1			1		1		45%	3	27%	1	
<b>Technical Colleges</b>															
Aiken Technical College		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	0
Central Carolina Technical College	1			1			1		1		100%	0	0%	1	
Denmark Technical College	1			1			1		1		86%	1	5%	1	
Florence-Darlington Technical College	1			1			1		1		18%	17	77%	1	
Greenville Technical College	1			1			1		1		21%	39	63%	1	
Horry-Georgetown Technical College	1			1			1		1		41%	24	55%	1	
Midlands Technical College	1			1			1		1		14%	3	14%	1	
Northeastern Technical College	1			1			1		1		100%	0	0%	1	
Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College	1			1			1		1		68%	4	13%	1	
Piedmont Technical College	1			1			1		1		14%	64	82%	1	
Spartanburg Community College	1			1			1		1		20%	6	60%	1	
Technical College of the Lowcountry	1			1			1		1		33%	12	36%	1	
Tri-County Technical College	1			1			1		1		42%	2	7%	1	
Trident Technical College	1			1			1		1		38%	22	25%	1	
Williamsburg Technical College	1			1			1		1		43%	3	16%	1	
York Technical College	1			1			1		1		26%	52	74%	1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>

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	8. Coop. agreemnt H.E. courses within inst. geograp/srvc area			9. Tech DE off only in desgin srvc area		10. Stdnt rept lack accept /transfer to instit.		11. DE Instr. access on campus faculty		12. Copy written statement DE course accept	
	Yes	No	N/A	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
<b>Public Senior Institutions</b>											
The Citadel		1		0	0		1	1		1	
Clemson University	0	0	0	0	0		1	1			1
Coastal Carolina University		1		0	0		1	1		1	
College of Charleston		1		0	0		1	1		1	
Francis Marion University		1		0	0		1	1			1
Lander University	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Medical University of SC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Carolina State University	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
University of South Carolina		1		0	0		1	1			1
USC-Aiken		1		0	0		1	1		1	
USC-Beaufort		1		0	0		1	1		0	1
USC-Upstate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Winthrop University		1		0	0		1	1		1	
<b>Two-Year Regional Campuses (USC)</b>											
USC-Lancaster		1		0	0		1	1		1	
USC-Salkehatchie		1		0	0		1	1		0	1
USC-Sumter		1		0	0		1	1		0	1
USC-Union		1		0	0		1	1		1	
<b>Technical Colleges</b>											
Aiken Technical College	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Central Carolina Technical College		1		1			1	1		1	
Denmark Technical College		1		1			1	1		1	
Florence-Darlington Technical College		1		1			1	1			1
Greenville Technical College		1			1		1	1			1
Horry-Georgetown Technical College		1		1		1		1		1	
Midlands Technical College		1		1			1	1			1
Northeastern Technical College		1		1			1	1		1	
Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College		1		1			1	1			1
Piedmont Technical College		1		1			1	1			1
Spartanburg Community College		1		1			1	1		1	
Technical College of the Lowcountry		1		1		1		1			1
Tri-County Technical College		1		1			1	1		1	
Trident Technical College	1			1			1	1			1
Williamsburg Technical College		1		1			1	1			1
York Technical College			1	1			1	1		1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>