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Publication of Accreditation Status

The institution (a) accurately represents its accreditation status and publishes the name, address, and telephone number of SACSCOC in accordance with SACSCOC's requirements and federal policy and (b) ensures all its branch campuses include the name of the institution and make it clear that their accreditation is dependent on the continued accreditation of the parent campus.

Judgment

Compliant Non-Compliant Not Applicable

SACSCOC Reviewer Comments

Non-Compliance

The institution's response is in violation of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) policy, "Reports Submitted for SACSCOC Review," by including live links in its response and electronic documentation that is not consistently bookmarked, indexed, and searchable.

The institution provided documentation for its flagship campus in Columbia in the form of live links (not screen shots or PDFs) to web pages that identify its accreditation status and publish the name, address, and telephone number of SACSCOC in accordance with SACSCOC's requirements and federal policy. The accreditation statement for the Columbia campus reads as follows:

The University of South Carolina Columbia is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate, baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of the University of South Carolina Columbia.

The Off-Site Reaffirmation Committee also reviewed live links to web pages (not screen shots or PDFs) for its Palmetto branch campuses (Lancaster, Salkehatchie, Sumter, and Union).

The accreditation statement for the Palmetto branches reads as follows:

The regional Palmetto College campuses (Lancaster, Salkehatchie, Sumter, Union) are branch campuses of the University of South Carolina Columbia. The University of South Carolina Columbia is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate, baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of the University of South Carolina Columbia.

The Off-Site Reaffirmation Committee is unable to determine compliance because it was unable to locate documentation (a) that its accreditation representation is consistent across multiple publications, and (b) while the statement is clear that the Palmetto College campuses are branch campuses, it is not clear that the branch campuses' accreditation is dependent on the accreditation of the institution.

Campus Response

Previously, the University of South Carolina Columbia and the Palmetto Campuses (Lancaster, Salkehatchie, Sumter, and Union) had the two separate statements of accreditation. However, as a result of the Off-Site Reaffirmation Committee's feedback, we developed one unified statement that includes references to both the University of South Carolina Columbia and the Palmetto College Campuses and makes it clear that, as branch campuses, the Palmetto College Campuses' accreditation is dependent on the continued accreditation of the parent campus of the University of South Carolina Columbia:

Statement of Accreditation

The University of South Carolina Columbia is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate, baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral degrees. The regional Palmetto College campuses (Lancaster, Salkehatchie, Sumter, and Union) are branch campuses of the University of South Carolina Columbia; the branch campuses' accreditation is dependent on the continued accreditation of the University of South Carolina Columbia. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of the University of South Carolina Columbia.

This revised statement of accreditation's representation is consistent across multiple publications. The statement of accreditation is published in bulletins for the [Columbia campus](#), Palmetto College campuses ([Lancaster](#), [Salkehatchie](#), [Sumter](#), and [Union](#)), [School\(s\) of Medicine](#), [School of Law](#), and [College of Pharmacy](#). In addition, university webpages for [Columbia](#) and the Palmetto College campuses ([Lancaster](#), [Salkehatchie](#), [Sumter](#), and [Union](#)) also been updated with the revised statement of accreditation. As a result of the statement revision letters were sent to each organization listed below to provide them with the revised statement. These letters also included an overview of the University.

Programmatic Accreditation Agencies

- Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET)
- Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc.(ACEN)(formerly National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC))
- Accreditation Commission for Programs in Hospitality Administration (ACPHA)
- Accreditation Council for Genetic Counseling (ACGC)
- Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE)
- Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA)
- Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications (ACEJMC)
- American Bar Association, Council of Section of Legal Education & Admissions to the Bar (ABA)
- American Library Association (ALA)
- American Physical Therapy Assn., Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)
- American Psychological Association, Commission on Accreditation (APA)
- American Speech-Language-Hearing Assn., Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology & Speech-Language-Pathology (ASHA)
- Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (1) (AACSB)
- Commission Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM)
- Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE)
- Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME)
- Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)

- Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CELPA)

- Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)(formerly National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE))
 - Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Program (CACREP)

- Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA-NAEP)
- Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH)
- Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
- Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME)
- National Association of Schools of Art & Design, Commission on Accreditation (NASAD)
- National Association of Schools of Dance, Commission on Accreditation (NASD)
- National Association of Schools of Music (NASM)
- National Association of Schools of Theater, Commission on Accreditation (NAST)
- Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA)

Specialized Professional Associations

- American Chemical Society (ACS)
- American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL)
- Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI)
- Association for Middle Level Education (AMLE)
- Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)

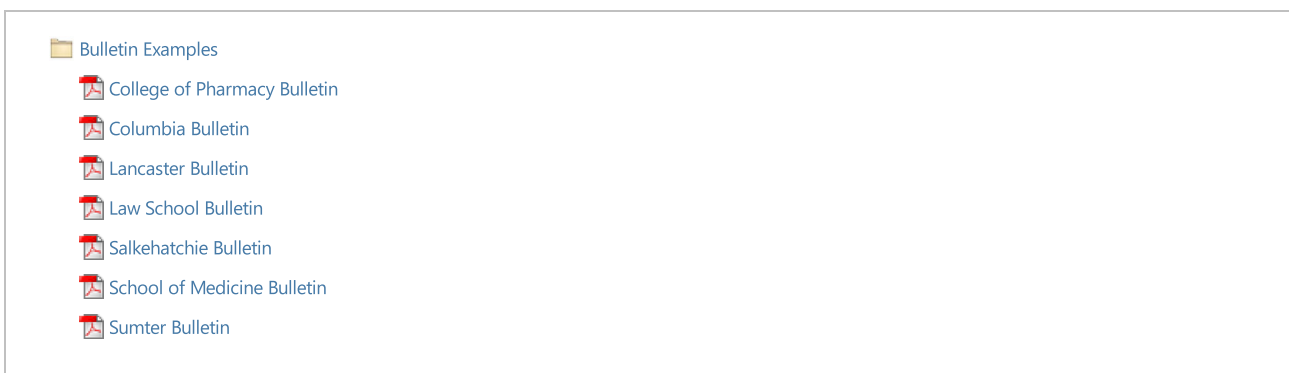
- Group for the Advancement of Doctoral Education in Social Work (GADE)
- International Literacy Association (ILA)(formerly International Reading Association (IRA))

- National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE)
- National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)

- National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS)
- National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE)
- National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM)

- National Policy Board for Education Administration (NPBEA)(formerly Educational Leadership Constituent Council (ELCC))
- National Science Teachers Association (NSTA)
- University Resident Theatre Association (URTA)

Sources



-  Union Bulletin
-  Website Examples
 -  Columbia Website
 -  Lancaster Website
 -  Salkehatchie Website
 -  Sumter Website
 -  Union Website
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