



March 30, 2020

Dr. Chris Maggio
President
Northwestern State University of Louisiana
NSU, Caspari Hall, Suite 223
Natchitoches, LA 71497

Dear Dr. Maggio:

Thank you for submitting the following substantive change:

Substantive change:

Temporary Emergency Relocation of Instruction – Notification

Submission date:

3/30/2020

Implementation date:

3/19/2020

Case ID:

SC009783

Pursuant to SACSCOC's *Emergency Temporary Relocation of Instruction* guidelines, the institution provided the following relocation information:

Instruction moving from: on campus
Instruction moving to: Distance learning

Reason for relocation: Coronavirus outbreak

Date instruction relocated: 03/19/2020

Estimated date instruction will resume at the original location: 04/09/2020 (21 days)

The SACSCOC practice for emergency relocation of instruction is to accept notification for up to 60 days, renewable for an additional 60 days if needed. Relocation beyond 120 days requires approval by the Executive Council of the SACSCOC Board of Trustees.

Because the coronavirus outbreak presents an unusual challenge to estimating the date instruction will resume at the original location, notifications are by default accepted for the 120-day maximum:

Relocation period: March 19, 2020 to July 17, 2020 (120 days)

Should the need extend beyond 120 days, submit a request for approval of temporary emergency relocation. Consult the *Coronavirus and SACSCOC* information on the SACSCOC homepage for additional guidance as it becomes available.



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We confirm the institution is approved to offer any portion of any current program, or any new program that is not a significant departure from existing programs, via distance learning (i.e., online).

Do not notify SACSCOC when instruction resumes at the original location; this is assumed unless you otherwise notify.

SACSCOC cannot advise on matters related to federal financial aid or international students. For reference, see the U.S. Department of Education letter to institutions, *Guidance for Interruption of Study Related to Coronavirus (COVID-19)* (<https://ifap.ed.gov/electronic-announcements/030520Guidance4interruptionsrelated2CoronavirusCOVID19>), and other federal guidance that may be made available. Retain this letter as evidence of notification.

We send our best regards as you manage this difficult situation.

We accept notification of temporary emergency relocation of instruction from on campus to distance learning, effective March 19, 2020 to July 17, 2020.

Should you need assistance, please contact Dr. Crystal A. Baird at 404-679-4501 or via email at cbaird@sacscoc.org.

Please include the Case ID number above in all submissions or correspondence about this substantive change.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kevin W. Sightler', is written over a horizontal line.

Kevin W. Sightler, Ph.D.
Director of Substantive Change

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cc: Mrs. Veronica M. Biscoe, Executive Director, Institutional Effectiveness & Human Resources
Dr. Crystal A. Baird