

May 16, 2023

Dr. Kevin Sightler
Director of Substantive Change
SACSCOC
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Dear Dr. Sightler,

St. Petersburg College is pleased to submit the following information regarding changes to its certificate and academic programs. Board approval was received on May 16, 2023 concerning these changes. Please accept this letter as notification of the closure of our ATD Paramedic program.

The change below regards closing a program offering and represents our teach-out plan.

Teach out of Program - Paramedic Advanced Technical Diploma (PMED-ATD)

The Paramedic Advanced Technical Diploma program (PMED-ATD) will be closed to further enrollment as of Spring 2023. The ATD program is a cohort-based, non-credit instruction for students to gain credentials between an associate and baccalaureate degree. The College currently offers the same curriculum as a for-credit PMED certificate program, and instruction will be transitioned to the for-credit side to facilitate stackable credentialing for students who wish to continue their education into a baccalaureate degree.

As of the date of the May Board of Trustees approval, there were no students enrolled this degree plan; a cohort-based group of 11 students graduated in December 2022. Students were informed of the impending change by their instructors and the Program Director via classroom discussions, and notification of the program closure was placed on the program website. Students, who stopped out of the program over the past 5 years, were informed via email that should they wish to return to the program in the future, they would be able to work directly with an advisor and have the opportunity to enroll in the for-credit program.

Faculty were informed of the impending change in conversations with the Health Sciences Dean and the Advisory Committee. All instructors teaching courses within this program will continue to teach the courses that are aligned under the for-credit certificate, which will allow for additional course time offerings and increased enrollment if requested to meet the community demand. No need for new employment is anticipated.

Neither the student nor the instructors will incur any charges/expenses due to this teach-out plan.

If you have need for further information, please feel free to contact our SACSCOC Liaison, Sabrina Crawford at (727) 341-3118 or Crawford.Sabrina@spcollege.edu.

Sincerely,



Dr. Sabrina Crawford
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