

MEMORANDUM

August 21, 2108

To: File

From: Dr. Kevin Cantwell, Associate Provost and SACSCOC Liaison



Subject: Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation Science (BSRS)

In August 2018, the BSRS was approved by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia to begin offering face-to-face classes in spring 2019 at the Cochran Campus of MGA. After internal discussion, Academic Affairs has determined that the new BS in Rehabilitation Science is **not a significant departure and, therefore, does not require notification to SACSCOC.**

The School of Health Sciences offers several bachelor's degrees that are closely related, including the BSN (120 hours), the BSRT (120 hours), and the BS HSA (120 hours). The AS Health Sciences (60 hours) and the OTA (72 hours) will feed into this program.

For the BSRS, thirty (30) hours are already taught at the 3000-4000 level; and thirty (30) hours of new courses have been developed in support of the degree. At 25% of the total curriculum, these new courses do not constitute a significant departure in the expansion of upper-level courses. The School of Health Sciences has extensive offerings in the clinical settings, from the associate's degree level to the master's degree. This new degree is well within the mission of the University as well as the resources, experience, and capabilities of the School of Health Sciences.

As an expected commitment of resources to expand expertise and long-term quality, the program will hire one faculty member fall 2018 and another fall 2019. No new facilities will need to be built. The director is an experienced administrator and holds a Master of Science in Health and Human Performance and is a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant.

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