



March 16, 2018

Dr. Christopher R.L. Blake
President
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Dear Dr. Blake:

Thank you for the letter of November 30, 2017, notifying SACSCOC of your intention to offer the Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Therapy degree program, effective fall 2018. The University System of Georgia Board of Regents approved the degree program in November 2017.

Since 1994, Middle Georgia State University has offered the Associate of Science in Respiratory Therapy (ASRT) degree program, which is accredited by the Commission of Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC). In addition, the University has offered a 120 credit hour completion program for ASRT degree holders. The new B.S. in Respiratory Therapy entry degree program will not require an increase in credit hours from the existing degree completion program. The difference in the credit hours for the ASRT (76) comes from an increase in clinical hours, simulation laboratory hours, one additional course in neonatal pediatrics, and the inclusion of courses in education, management, and research. No additional faculty resources or new facilities will be needed for the new degree program.

Since this program does not represent a significant departure from existing programs, we **acknowledge the information and will add it to our files.**

Best regards,

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

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cc: Dr. Kevin Cantwell, Dean, Graduate Studies
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