



August 13, 2021

Dr. Scott Ralls  
President  
Wake Technical Community College  
9101 Fayetteville Road  
Raleigh, NC 27603-5696

Dear Dr. Ralls:

Thank you for submitting the following substantive change:

Substantive change:  
**Program Closure**  
**Certificate in Welding Technology**  
Submission date:  
**5/25/2021**  
Intended Implementation date:  
**8/1/2021**  
Case ID:  
**SC014155**

Wake Technical Community College will close the Certificate program in Welding Technology. The certificate was taught only at the Vernon Malone College and Career Academy off-campus instructional site (OCIS). The site will continue to operate.

There are no students enrolled in the program. Therefore, there are no students to notify; there is no need for assistance with degree completion; no possibility of students incurring additional charges or expenses related to the closure; and no need for teach-out agreements with other institutions.

Faculty and staff members associated with the program were notified of the closure by email or in online meetings. Faculty, staff, and equipment related to the program will be redeployed to the related Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree program.

**The Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges approves the closure of the Certificate program in Welding Technology.**

Should you need assistance, please contact Dr. Larry L. Earvin at 404-679-4501 or via email at [learvin@sacscoc.org](mailto:learvin@sacscoc.org).



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*Note:* The SACSCOC substantive change policy was revised in 2020 and updated in March and June 2021. The policy has many new requirements and changes to previous requirements. The *Substantive Change Policy and Procedures* and learning resources are available on the substantive change webpage at [www.sacscoc.org](http://www.sacscoc.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Belle S. Wheelan".

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.  
President

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cc: Dr. John B. Boone, Dean of Institutional Effectiveness, Accreditation, and  
Research/SACSCOC Accreditation Liaison, Wake Technical Community College  
Dr. Larry L. Earvin, Vice President, SACSCOC