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Dr. Kevin Sightler  
Director of Substantive Change  
Commission on Colleges  
1866 Southern Lane  
Decatur, GA 30033

Dear Dr. Sightler:

I am writing to notify the Commission on Colleges of the discovery of an unreported substantive change related to method of delivery. In November 2020, the Academic Programs Committee of Dalton State College approved a new LPN/Paramedic Bridge pathway to our Associate of Science in Nursing degree. This pathway offers additional coursework delivered online (distance education) that is not available to students in the pre-existing ASN program, which is predominantly face-to-face. With these online courses, more than 50% of the Associate of Science in Nursing degree can be completed via distance education when this was previously not possible.

The impacted program is the Associate of Science in Nursing, and the new method of delivery is distance education. The original implementation date, as reported to the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing and the Georgia Board of Nursing, was May 24, 2021.

Please let me know if any further information is needed. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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                         Dr. Bruno Hicks  
                         Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs

# Substantive Change Cover Sheet

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Substantive Change, 1866  
Southern Lane, Decatur, GA  
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INSTITUTION (NO ABBREVIATIONS PLEASE)	CITY + STATE/PROVINCE
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## SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE RESTRICTION

1. Is the institution currently on Warning, Probation, or Probation for Good Cause?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
2. Was the institution placed on Warning, Probation, or Probation for Good Cause on or after September 3, 2020, and subsequently removed from sanction?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
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SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE DESCRIPTION (BRIEF SUMMARY)	INTENDED IMPLEMENTATION

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