



COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION

(Updated January 2018, effective Class of 2020)

Name of Institution **Sam Houston State University**

Date of Submission **September 10, 2018**

In order to be accredited by the Commission on Colleges, an institution is required to conduct a comprehensive compliance audit prior to the filing of the Compliance Certification. The comprehensive compliance audit includes an assessment of all programs and courses offered by the institution on-campus and off-campus, and those offered through distance learning. The Compliance Certification, signed by the institution's chief executive officer and accreditation liaison, attests to the institution's honest assessment of compliance with the accreditation requirements of the Commission on Colleges (including all Standards in the *Principles of Accreditation*) as applied to all aspects of the institution.

Completion of the Compliance Certification

The Compliance Certification consists of four parts:

- Part 1** Signature Page for the institution's chief executive officer and the accreditation liaison
- Part 2** List of all substantive changes that have been reported and approved by the Commission since the institution's last reaffirmation as well as the date of approval
- Part 3** The institution's assessment of compliance with the *Principles of Accreditation*
- Part 4** An attached and updated "Institutional Summary Form Prepared for Commission Reviews" that (a) lists all locations where coursework toward a degree, certificate, or diploma can be obtained primarily through traditional classroom instruction and (b) describes distance education credit offerings that can be obtained primarily through electronic means.

For each Part, please follow the directions provided. For Part 2 above, if there have been no institutional changes that required reporting or approval since the institution's last comprehensive review, please indicates it as well.

Part 1. SIGNATURES ATTESTING TO COMPLIANCE

By signing below, we attest to the following:

1. That Sam Houston State University has conducted an honest assessment of compliance and has provided complete and accurate disclosure of timely information regarding compliance with the Standards contained in the *Principles of Accreditation*.
2. That Sam Houston State University has attached a complete and accurate listing of all programs offered by the institution, the locations where they are offered, and the means by which they are offered as indicated on the updated "Institutional Summary Form Prepared for Commission Reviews," and that the comprehensive assessment of compliance reported on the Compliance Certification includes the review of all such programs.
3. That Sam Houston State University has provided a complete and accurate listing of all substantive changes that have been reported and approved by the Commission since the institution's last reaffirmation as well as the date of Commission approval.

Accreditation Liaison

Name of Accreditation Liaison: **Somer Franklin**

Signature

Somer Franklin

Date 8/24/18

Chief Executive Officer

Name of Chief Executive Officer: **Dana G. Hoyt**

Signature

Dana G. Hoyt

Date

8/27/18

Part 2. LIST OF SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES APPROVED SINCE THE LAST REAFFIRMATION

Note: With the passage of the revised 2010 federal regulations for accrediting agencies, institutions are expected to notify and seek approval of additional substantive changes that occur between decennial reviews. Please note the revised list below. (New required reporting is underlined.)

Directions: For each substantive change approved since the institution's initial accreditation or last reaffirmation review, briefly describe the change and provide the date of Commission approval. If no substantive changes requiring approval have been submitted since the last comprehensive review, write "none" in the first column. If, in the review of substantive change, the institution discovers substantive changes that have not been reported according to Commission policy, the changes should be reported *immediately* to Commission staff.

Substantive changes requiring approval:

- Any change in the established mission or objectives of the institution
- Any change in legal status, form of control, or ownership of the institution
- The addition of courses or programs that represent a significant departure, either in content or method of delivery, from those that were offered when the institution was last evaluated
- The addition of courses or programs of study at a degree or credential level different from that which is included in the institution's current accreditation or reaffirmation.
- A change from clock hours to credit hours
- A substantial increase in the number of clock or credit hours awarded for successful completion of a program
- The establishment of an additional location geographically apart from the main campus at which the institution offers at least 50 percent of an educational program.
- The establishment of a branch campus
- Closing a program, off-campus site, branch campus or institution
- Entering into a collaborative academic arrangement such as a dual degree program or a joint degree program with another institution
- Acquiring another institution or a program or location of another institution
- Adding a permanent location at a site where the institution is conducting a teach-out program for a closed institution
- Entering into a contract by which an entity not eligible for Title IV funding offers 25 percent or more of one or more of the accredited institution's programs

Access <http://www.sacscoc.org> and click onto "Policies" for additional information on reporting substantive change, including examples of the changes listed above.

Approval Date	Description of Substantive Change
2/8/18	Hurricane Harvey University Closure (notification)
10/30/17	Institutional Level Change (notification)
7/18/16	Counseling MEd Hours Increase (SCH change from 48 to 60)
8/24/15	Computer Software Engineering Technology, BS (dual degree)
1/8/15	Forensic Science, PhD (new degree)
9/11/14	University Park (off-site location)
9/11/14	Nursing, BSN (new degree)
7/9/14	Criminal Justice, BS (dual degree)