



June 6, 2025

Dr. Donde Ashmos Plowman
Chancellor
The University of Tennessee, Knoxville
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Knoxville, TN 37996-0180

Dear Dr. Plowman:

Thank you for submitting the following substantive change:

Substantive change:
Program Closure
Graduate Certificate in Secondary English Education
Submission date:
3/14/2025
Intended Implementation date:
8/18/2025
Case ID:
SC030799

At the time the decision was made to close the program in March 2025, one student was enrolled in the program.

The student was given options for completing their program with minimal disruption. The student will be able to complete the required courses for the certificate, as all coursework will continue to be offered in other majors.

The institutional community was informed of the program closure through the on-campus program change approval process. The current student has been notified by the Secondary English Education advisor of the program closure and advised that coursework would continue to be offered. Prospective and lapsed students will be informed upon inquiry by the appropriate office or the Director of Graduate Studies and through removal of the program from the catalog. Program and department faculty and staff were made aware of the program closure prior to submission through the program change process. Other faculty and staff were informed of the change through the program change process.

No students will incur additional costs.

No faculty or staff will be impacted by this closure.

The Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges approves the closure of the Graduate Certificate in Secondary English Education.



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Should you need assistance, please contact Dr. J. Matthew Melton at (404) 994-6553 or via email at mmelton@sacscoc.org.

Please include the Case ID number above in all submissions or correspondence about this substantive change.

Sincerely,

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

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.
President

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cc: Dr. Heather G. Hartman, Associate Vice Provost for Institutional Effectiveness, The
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Dr. J. Matthew Melton, Vice President, SACSCOC