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## **CAROLINAS COLLEGE APPROVED TO OFFER ONLINE PROGRAMS**

**Charlotte, NC** – Carolinas College of Health Sciences leaders recently received notification that the Board of Trustees of the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS-COC) has approved the College's proposal to be designated an approved distance education institution. The College's initial program proposal for online delivery of a credit program was focused on the Associate of Science in General Studies degree, of which approximately 50% of program credits are now being offered via fully or partially online courses.

The Commission on Colleges' proposal and review process for becoming an approved distance education institution is quite rigorous. Applicant colleges must present not only an online program curriculum that reflects a coherent teaching and learning model, but also a proposal for a program for which student learning outcomes are clearly defined, assessment measures are identified, and benchmarks for effectiveness are met in the areas of student learning, student retention and student and faculty satisfaction. In addition, physical, monetary, technology, faculty, library, and student service resources must be in place to adequately support enrolled distance education students. With the approval by the Commission of this first distance education degree program, comes approval for Carolinas College to offer future online credit programs.

[Carolinan College of Health Sciences](http://www.CarolinanCollege.edu) ([www.CarolinanCollege.edu](http://www.CarolinanCollege.edu)), recently ranked the number one two-year college in the nation for two consecutive years, offers programs in many areas of health care. Graduates consistently exceed state and national certification testing benchmarks, demonstrating their exceptional preparedness in careers such as medical laboratory science, nursing, radiation therapy, histology, radiologic technology, and surgical technology. The College also offers individual courses in the sciences and liberal arts as well as continuing education programs in professional skills and integrative medicine. Carolinas College offers student access to the Carolinas Simulation Center, a rich collection of high fidelity human patient simulators and procedural task trainers.

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