

CS 3.14 - Publication of Accreditation Status

A member or candidate institution represents its accredited status accurately and publishes the name, address, and telephone number of the Commission in accordance with Commission requirements and federal policy.

Compliance Finding: In Compliance

Narrative:

The University of South Carolina Beaufort (USC Beaufort) represents its accredited status accurately and publishes the name, address, and telephone number of the Commission in accordance with Commission requirements and federal policy. Current accreditation information and wording reflected below can be found in the 2006-2007 USC Beaufort Factbook [i], the 2007-2008 USC Beaufort Bulletin [ii] and is as follows:

The University of South Carolina Beaufort is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033; phone: 404-679-4500) as a Level II baccalaureate degree-granting institution and is authorized to award associate of arts and associate of science degrees to military personnel and their families only, at the Beaufort Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) and the Parris Island Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD).

In the State of South Carolina (per South Carolina Commission on Higher Education policy), baccalaureate-degree-granting institutions may not award associate degrees except under special circumstances. USC Beaufort has one of those special circumstances because of its proximity to MCAS and MCRD. Because of the special circumstances the reference to the military was included as a part of the statement of accreditation. However, the statement “is authorized to award associate of arts and associate of science degrees to military personnel and their families only” is superfluous. The statement will be removed from USC Beaufort’s accreditation verbiage in future publications.

The revised wording is currently found on the USC Beaufort website [iii] and will appear in the 2008-2009 Beaufort Student Handbook, the 2008-2009 USC Beaufort Bulletin and the 2007-2008 USC Beaufort Factbook.

The University of South Carolina Beaufort is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award baccalaureate and associate degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500, or www.sacscoc.org, for questions about the accreditation of the University of South Carolina Beaufort.

Supporting Documentation

[i 2006-2007 USC Beaufort Factbook](#)

[ii 2007-2008 USC Beaufort Bulletin](#)

[iii USC Beaufort website](#)