

Requirement 2.7.4

Coursework for Degrees

The institution provides instruction for all course work required for at least one degree program at each level at which it awards degrees. If the institution does not provide instruction for all such course work and (1) makes arrangements for some instruction to be provided by other accredited institutions or entities through contracts or consortia or (2) uses some other alternative approach to meeting this requirement, the alternative approach must be approved by the Commission on Colleges. In both cases, the institution demonstrates that it controls all aspects of its educational program. (See Commission policy “Core Requirement 2.7.4: Documenting an Alternate Approach.”)

Judgment

Compliant Partial Compliance Non-Compliant Not Applicable

Narrative

Haywood Community College (HCC) is in compliance with Core Requirement 2.7.4.

HCC is one of 58 North Carolina public two-year comprehensive community colleges and educational institutions ([NCCCS History](#)) authorized by the North Carolina General Assembly and stated in the NC Administrative Code (NCAC) for community colleges, [NCAC Title 23, Chapter 1, Subchapter A, Section .0103](#). As such, HCC is authorized under North Carolina General Statutes (NCGS) subsections of 115D ([NCGS 115D-4](#)) to offer diplomas, certificates, associate and transfer degrees, and workforce development programs ([NCGS 115D-4.1](#); [NCGS 115D-5](#); [NCGS 115D-5.1](#)). The College provides instruction for all course work required for at least one degree program at each level for which it awards degrees. All required associate, diploma, and certificate coursework is taught by instructors employed by HCC. In fact, the College provides instruction for all coursework required for all degree programs at each level.

Consortium Degree Program Offering

- **Consortium Membership Institutions**

HCC’s sole consortium degree program is the Region A Nursing Consortium consisting of Haywood Community College, Southwestern Community College (SCC), and Tri-County Community College (TCCC). The nursing consortium has existed since 1980 and was in operation and approved as part of the College’s 1988 and 1998 SACS reaffirmation of accreditation processes ([Region A Nursing Consortium Agreement](#)).

- **Consortium Control**








Under consortia guidelines, HCC's Nursing Department Program Manager serves as the director for the Region A Nursing Consortium ([Region A Nursing Consortium Agreement](#)). The director

schedules classes, approves instructor assignments, and holds authority over all courses taught at HCC and other consortium institutions.

Students entering this consortium program at SCC or TCCC take first-year courses at their “home” institution and begin second-year courses at HCC. HCC nursing students take all courses on the HCC campus. In sum, nursing program students take 50% of program requirements at both home and non-resident institution (if not HCC). Each home resident institution awards degrees for their nursing program students.

HCC has final decision-making control of the Region A Nursing Consortium. A steering committee composed of vice presidents from the three consortium colleges – Haywood, Southwestern, and Tri-County – discuss all major issues prior to HCC administration rendering final decisions.

Supporting Documents

-  [NCGS_115D-4-1-College_Transfer](#)
-  [NCGS_115D-4_Capital_Improvements](#)
-  [NCGS_115D-5_1_WorkforceDevPrograms](#)
-  [NCGS_115D-5_Adm_of_Inst_by_CC_StateBoard](#)
-  [NCAC_23_01a_0103_Authority](#)
-  [NCCCS_History](#)
-  [Nursing_Consortium_Agreement](#)