## 3.1.b Coursework for degrees

An institution seeking to gain or maintain accredited status offers all coursework required for at least one degree program at each level at which it awards degrees.

Compliance Judgment: In Compliance

## **Rationale**

In accord with its <u>mission</u>,<sup>[1]</sup> the University of South Carolina Aiken provides instruction for all coursework required for degree programs at the baccalaureate and masters levels. The University of South Carolina Aiken has 3 graduate and 10 baccalaureate degrees that combined with majors, delivery modes, and remote sites results in 51 <u>programs of study</u>.<sup>[2]</sup> The required course work for each program of study is delineated in an annual <u>Academic Bulletin</u>.<sup>[3]</sup>

As illustrated in the schedule of course offerings for Fall 2019, [4] a variety of courses are available with a range of sectional offerings at different times to accommodate student schedules and to ensure timely completion of the degree programs being pursued by students. Academic units have illustrative samples of enrollment that help students to work with their advisors to plan and complete their coursework in a timely manner. In addition, students and advisors can track progress toward degree completion through a comprehensive, easy-to-use, web-based academic advising and degree audit tool called *DegreeWorks*. Undergraduate students are expected to follow the programs of study outlined by their advisors and departments as closely as possible, particularly in the first two years when satisfying general education requirements and prerequisites for advanced work. Graduate degree programs of study are fairly prescriptive and progress plans must be signed by the student, advisor/coordinator of the degree program, and Chair of the Department or Dean of the School.

Links to the program requirements, illustrative samples of enrollment, advisor checklists, and student transcripts showing that all courses were taught at USC Aiken

for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing and the Master of Science in Applied Clinical Psychology are presented in Table 3.1b. These documents demonstrate that the University provides instruction for at least one degree program at each level at which it awards degrees.

Table 3.1.b. Illustrative documents that USC Aiken provides courses for completion of baccalaureate and masters programs

| Document Type                | Degree Level                    |                                |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                              | Baccalaureate                   | Masters                        |
| Program Requirements         | BSN Nursing [5]                 | MS Applied Psychology [6]      |
| Enrollment Samples           | BSN Enrollment Illustration [7] | MS Enrollment Illustration [8] |
| Student / Advisor Checklists | BSN Student Degree Audit [9]    | MS Student Degree Audit [10]   |
| Transcripts                  | BSN Student transcript [11]     | MS Student transcript [12]     |

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## **Supporting Documentation**

- 1. <u>USC Aiken Mission Statement</u>
- 2. USC Aiken Programs of Study
- 3. 2019-20 Academic Bulletin
- 4. Schedule of Course Offerings Fall 2019
- 5. BSN Nursing Program Requirements
- 6. MS Applied Psychology Program Requirements
- 7. BSN Nursing Enrollment Illustration
- 8. MS Applied Psychology Enrollment Illustration
- 9. BSN Nursing Student Degree Audit
- 10. MS Applied Psychology Student Degree Audit
- 11. BSN Nursing Student Transcript
- 12. MS Applied Psychology Student Transcript