

REQUIREMENT 6.1 FULL-TIME FACULTY

The institution employs an adequate number of full-time faculty members to support the mission and goals of the institution.

Institutional Response

The data reported in the Compliance Certification Report for Requirement 6.1 included all USC Aiken faculty regardless of the site, mode of delivery, or specific academic program. The full-time / part-time faculty numbers disaggregated by academic program, site, and mode of delivery were provided in Table 6.2.b-2 of the [narrative response to Standard 6.2.b – Program faculty](#) ^[S1] in the Compliance Certification Report. The institution offers the Bachelor of Arts in Education (BAE) majoring in Elementary Education and the BAE majoring in Early Childhood Education at USC Salkehatchie. At USC Sumter, the institution offers the BAE majoring in Elementary Education, the BAE majoring in Early Childhood Education, and the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration majoring in Business Administration. In the Fall of 2021, the institution will also be teaching classes for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) majoring in Nursing at USC Sumter.

Both USC Salkehatchie and USC Sumter are branch campuses of USC Columbia authorized to provide associate degrees. The USC Aiken programs located at USC Salkehatchie and USC Sumter are what USC Aiken calls completion programs. Students in such programs typically have completed an associate degree from the institution at which the program is located. Students located on the remote campuses who are interested in completing a baccalaureate degree with USC Aiken are directed to and assigned the appropriate onsite program coordinator to serve as an advisor while they are still pursuing an associate degree. The onsite program coordinators ensure students are aware of all entrance requirements (e.g., classes, GPA) for matriculation into the USC Aiken program. USC Aiken then delivers the last two years of classes within the major through a combination of face-to-face, synchronous online, and asynchronous online instruction.

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The complement of full-time faculty at USC Sumter and Salkehatchie is evaluated each semester relative to enrollment. The student to full-time faculty ratio at Salkehatchie is 1 to 1 and at Sumter, the ratio is 1.3 to 1. From the Fall of 2019 through Fall of 2020, USC Aiken had a total of 11 students located at USC Salkehatchie and 33 students located at USC Sumter. Over that same time, there has been 1 full-time faculty member located on the Salkehatchie campus and 4 full-time faculty members located on the Sumter campus. As shown in Table 6.1 Supplemental, the onsite full-time faculty are not the sole instructional base for the programs. Onsite part-time qualified adjuncts teach face-to-face classes on the remote campuses and full-time faculty in the School of Education and the School of Business Administration on the Aiken campus also teach in the programs.

Table 6.1 Supplemental. Full-time and Part-time Faculty: Remote Site Programs

Degree (Major) <i>off-campus site</i>	Exclusive of general education	
	Full-time faculty n (%)	Part-time faculty n (%)
Bachelor of Arts in Education (Early Childhood Education) <i>Salkehatchie Campus</i>	9 (60%)	6 (40%)
Bachelor of Arts in Education (Early Childhood Education) <i>Sumter Campus</i>	9 (60%)	6 (40%)
Bachelor of Arts in Education (Elementary Education) <i>Salkehatchie Campus</i>	11 (58%)	8 (42%)
Bachelor of Arts in Education (Elementary Education) <i>Sumter Campus</i>	11 (58%)	8 (42%)
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (Business Administration) <i>Sumter campus</i>	14 (61%)	9 (39%)
Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Nursing) <i>Sumter campus</i>	Classes to start in Fall 2021	

All USC Aiken faculty located on the USC Sumter and USC Salkehatchie campuses participate in USC Aiken school meetings and are assigned committees responsibilities similar to that expected of faculty on the USC Aiken campus. They are also engaged in strategic planning, curriculum review, and curricular improvement activities, just like faculty located on the USC Aiken campus.

In all cases, the programs offered at remote sites are accredited by professional accrediting bodies. All business degree programs at the University of South Carolina Aiken are accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). The teacher education programs at the University of South Carolina Aiken are accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). The Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree at the University of South Carolina Aiken is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). Among other things, each professional accrediting body has standards related to the adequacy of faculty numbers, faculty workloads, and faculty qualifications to ensure high quality programs of study.

Additional Supporting Documentation

- S1. [Narrative response to Standard 6.2.b – Program faculty](#)