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Press Release

NACIQI Recommends Continuing ACCSC's Recognition for Five Years

On August 23, 2016, the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI), which provides recommendations to the United States Department of Education regarding accrediting agencies that monitor the academic quality of postsecondary institutions and educational programs for federal purposes, voted to recommend that ACCSC's recognition as a reliable authority on quality education be continued for five years, the maximum timeframe allowed under the federal guidelines. The next step in the recognition process calls for NACIQI's recommendation to be submitted to the Senior Department Official designated by the Secretary of Education who makes the decision regarding recognition.

"The Accrediting Commission is extremely pleased with NACIQI's recommendation to continue ACCSC's recognition by the U.S. Department of Education" noted Duane Kramer, Chairman of the Commission. "ACCSC appreciates the thoroughness of the recognition process and understands the important role and responsibility that accreditors accept in ensuring students receive a high quality education."

Dr. Michale McComis, ACCSC's Executive Director stated, "ACCSC is exceptionally proud of this achievement and gives thanks to the hundreds of peer-review volunteers, professional staff, and Commissioners who all helped to make this happen. ACCSC also recognizes that there is much work to do and we look forward to continuing to develop innovative approaches to quality assurance that can enhance the effectiveness of peer-review, demonstrate the reliability of accreditation, and more importantly, support the educational experience for thousands of students served by ACCSC-accredited institutions every year."

About ACCSC

Since 1965, the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC) has been committed to establishing and advancing quality education at postsecondary career schools and colleges. ACCSC accredits public, private, non-profit, and for-profit institutions that offer career, technical, and vocational training and educational programs at the postsecondary level. ACCSC is dedicated to ensuring a quality education for more than 165,000 students who are pursuing a vocational education at approximately 685 ACCSC-accredited institutions across the United States, Puerto Rico, and abroad. ACCSC has been continuously recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as a reliable authority for quality education since 1967. More information on ACCSC is available online at www.accsc.org.

About NACIQI

More information on the National Advisory Committee for Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI) can be found online at <http://sites.ed.gov/naciqi/>