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President
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School #M000710
Continued Probation Order

Dear [Redacted]:

At the May 2024 meeting, the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (“ACCSC” or “the Commission”) considered its previous decision to continue The North Coast College (“NCC”) located in Lakewood, Ohio, on Probation.¹ Upon review of the March 29, 2024 Probation letter and the school’s response, the Commission voted to approve the school’s Institutional Teach-Out Plan and continue the school on Probation through the remainder of and for the sole purpose of the teach-out of current students. The Commission acknowledged the school’s anticipated closure date of August 30, 2024, which ACCSC will use for the purpose of supporting the teach-out and continued Probation status.

In the March 9, 2023 Probation, the Commission had notified the school of several areas of noncompliance with accrediting standards that were to be reviewed during an on-site evaluation corresponding to the school’s Application for Renewal of Accreditation. In the September 25, 2023 On-site Evaluation Report (“OER”) from the COSE, the visiting team found that The North Coast College did not demonstrate compliance in several additional areas.

As stated in the March 29, 2024 Continued Probation, the school’s response to the September 25, 2023 OER did not address the March 9, 2023 Probation or any of the team findings cited therein. Instead, the school provided an ACCSC Institutional Teach-Out Plan Approval Form indicating that the school’s plan is to close on August 30, 2024 after all students have completed their education. The March 29, 2024 Continued Probation requests clarification regarding the notice to students, the closure date, and tuition paid by current students. Upon review of additional information provided in the school’s April 25, 2024 response to the March 29, 2024 Continued Probation, the Commission determined that the Teach-Out Plan meets the Commission’s requirements. Given that the items listed in the March 29, 2024 Probation remain unresolved, the Commission voted to continue the school on Probation through the completion of the teach-out and the date of closure. Through the period of the teach-out and the Probation, North Coast College may not enroll any additional students into the school’s programs.

In approving this teach-out plan ACCSC expects that the school will adhere to the *Standards of Accreditation*, meet all deadlines, and pay all fees due through the entire period of the teach-out and until the final closure date. The Commission’s records will be updated to reflect that the school closed on August 30, 2024. In accordance with *Section VII (Q)(3), Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*, the school must delete all references to and claims of ACCSC accreditation from catalogs, advertising, and promotional materials no later than 30 days after the effective date of the closure. ACCSC’s approval depends upon NCC’s receipt of any other necessary approvals, as applicable, from other accreditors, the state licensing agency, and the U.S. Department of Education.

¹ For the history of the Commission’s review of this matter see the March 9, 2023 Probation, the September 25, 2023 On-site Evaluation Report, and the March 29, 2024 Continued Probation.

Probation Requirements:

In cases where the Commission has reason to believe that a school is not in compliance with accreditation standards and other requirements, the Commission may, at its discretion, place a school on Probation (*Section VII (L)(1), Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*). A school subject to a Probation Order must demonstrate corrective action and compliance with accrediting standards. **Failure of the school to adhere to the provisions set forth in the school’s teach-out plan and to cease enrolling students may result in a withdrawal of accreditation action** (*Section VII (L)(2), Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*).

In accordance with *Section X, Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*, the reasons for the Probation Order are made public and provided to the U.S. Department of Education, appropriate State agencies, and appropriate accrediting agencies.

Maximum Timeframe To Achieve Compliance:

According to *Section VII (M), Rules of Process and Procedures, Standards of Accreditation*, where the Commission has found an area in which the school is out of compliance with accreditation standards or requirements, the Commissions may allot a period of time for the school to remedy the noncompliance or cure the deficiency. Based on the circumstances of this matter, the school’s accreditation will cease as of the completion of the teach-out. The Commission will not consider extending the period of the Probation except as may be necessary to complete the teach-out. Also given the circumstances, the Commission will not consider any substantive changes during the period of the teach-out and Probation, to include a change of control.

Notification To Students:

The school must **within seven days** inform current and prospective students in writing that the school has been continued on Probation, provide a summary of the reasons for the Probation, and indicate where that action can be obtained from the Commission’s website (*Section VII (L)(7) Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*).

For further assistance or additional information, please contact [REDACTED].

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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