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As the Executive Director of the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC), Dr. Michale McComis serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the accrediting commission, managing the day-to-day operation of ACCSC's Arlington, Virginia office and staff, and overseeing the ACCSC accreditation process. Michale's tenure with ACCSC began in 1994 and he has been the Executive Director since 2008. Michale has spent the last 25 years working towards helping to make schools and opportunities for students better through the accreditation process. His efforts are focused on identifying best practices, developing leadership, and driving institutional improvement, student achievement, and student-centered approaches to quality education.

Michale coordinates the Commission's legislative activities and is the Commission's liaison with state and federal agencies, institutional and programmatic accrediting organizations, and higher education associations. Michale is considered to be amongst the leading voices on accreditation matters and is a frequent speaker and participant for both governmental and non-governmental meetings, convenings, panels, and working groups engaged in accreditation matters. Michale has testified on multiple occasions before both the House Committee on Education and Labor and the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions on issues related to accreditation. Additionally, Michale has served as a non-federal negotiator on five separate U.S. Department of Education Negotiated Rulemaking panels for the establishment of federal regulations related to the Higher Education Act of 1965, including most recently in 2019.

Michale earned his Baccalaureate of Arts (History), Master of Education, and Doctor of Education degrees from the University of Virginia where he has taught graduate-level courses in education policy as an adjunct faculty member. Prior to joining ACCSC, Michale served in the United States Marine Corps and garnered skills in the trades as an electrician's apprentice and HVAC Technician.

The Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC) is recognized by the United States Department of Education as the designated institutional accrediting body for 700 post-secondary, trade and technical schools that provide education to approximately 150,000 students in a wide variety of vocational programs each year.

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