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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 also 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's tenure with ACCSC began in 1994 and during that time he has conducted hundreds of on-site evaluations to ACCSC member institutions, and has served as a frequent speaker at accreditation workshops and training seminars, as well as at state and national conferences on accreditation and higher education. Michale is considered by many to be amongst the leading voices on accreditation matters. He has testified before both the U.S. House of Representative Committee on Education and the Workforce and the U.S. Senate Health, Education, Pensions, and Labor (HELP) Committee on issues related to accreditation. Additionally, Michale also served as a non-federal negotiator on three separate U.S. Department of Education Negotiated Rulemaking panels for the establishment of federal regulations related to the Higher Education Act of 1965, as well as many other federal and non-federal panels and working groups engaged in accreditation matters.

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 Corp and garnered skills in the trades as an electrician's apprentice and HVAC Technician.

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