



Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges

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Memorandum

To: *U.S. Department of Education, Appropriate State Agencies, and Appropriate Accrediting Agencies*

From: *The Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC)*

Date: *October 10, 2014*

Subject: *Public Notice of Commission Action*

The Commission provides public notice of any adverse action, including withdrawal and denial of accreditation actions, along with a summary of the reasons for the Commission's action and information pertaining to the ACCSC appeal process (*Section X (D)(3), Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*). The information below shows a withdrawal of accreditation action taken by the Commission followed by a summary of the reason for this action and the Commission's appeal process.

WITHDRAWAL OF ACCREDITATION – SUBJECT TO APPEAL:

At its September 2014 meeting, ACCSC voted to withdraw the accreditation of Everest Institute located in Cross Lanes, West Virginia ("Everest-Cross Lanes") and to remove the school from the ACCSC list of accredited institutions. The withdrawal of accreditation from Everest Institute-Cross Lanes renders its branch campus Everest Institute in Eagan, Minnesota ("Everest-Eagan") ineligible for ACCSC accreditation and as such the Commission has also withdrawn the accreditation of Everest-Eagan. Summarized below is the accrediting standard that is the subject of this withdrawal action.

Summary of Grounds for the Withdrawal of Accreditation

Everest-Cross Lanes failed to demonstrate that it maintained compliance with federal requirements required to maintain eligibility for accreditation (*Section I (E)(2)(d), Rules of Process and Procedures, Standards of Accreditation*)

ACCSC Appeal Process

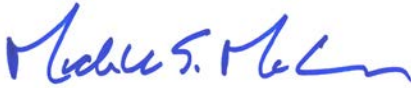
Everest-Cross Lanes may opt to appeal the Commission's decision to withdraw accreditation or to reapply for accreditation by filing a Letter of Intent to Appeal a Commission Decision on or before October 20, 2014. Details regarding the reapplication and appeal procedures are outlined in the ACCSC *Rules of Process and Procedures, Standards of Accreditation*. If Everest-Cross Lanes elects not to appeal this decision, the school may reapply for accreditation after a period of nine months (*Section VII (P)(5), Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*).

For information on the types of actions afforded to the ACCSC Commission under the *Standards of Accreditation*, please refer to the [ACCSC Commission Action Factsheet](#).

In accordance with *Section X (E)(1), Rules of Process and Procedures, Standards of Accreditation*, ACCSC will grant all reasonable special requests for accreditation information made by other accreditation agencies and government entities. Requests for information from such entities must be in writing, submitted to the Executive Director of ACCSC, and state the name of the school for which the information is sought and the nature of the information requested.

For assistance regarding the information included in this memorandum, please feel free to contact me directly at 703.247.4212 or at mccomis@accsc.org.

Sincerely,



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Minnesota Office of Higher Education - Institutional Registration & Licensing
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