

## **ACCSC DISCLOSURE OF COMMISSION ACTION SUMMARY OF GROUNDS FOR WARNING ACTION**

**PAIER COLLEGE  
SCHOOL (#M000242)  
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**JUNE 4, 2024**

The Accrediting Commission of Career School and Colleges has issued a Continued Warning to Paier College located in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Pursuant to ACCSC's *Rules of Process and Procedure*, the Commission will publish a summary of the reasons for the Warning. The school has an opportunity to submit a response to demonstrate corrective action regarding the Commission's grounds for the Warning.

**Original date of Warning: August 7, 2023**

**Next review date: August 2024**

### **SUMMARY OF GROUNDS**

1. Pursuant to *Section I (A)(2), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation*, Paier College must demonstrate that all owners, members of school management, and administrative employees have past records that demonstrate a commitment to:
  - a. Providing quality education to students;
  - b. Ethical, fair, and honest practice; and
  - c. Compliance with accrediting standards and applicable federal, state, and local requirements.
2. Paier College must also demonstrate that the financial structure of the school is sound, with resources sufficient for the proper operation of the school and discharge of obligations to students (*Section I (C)(1), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation*).
3. Paier College must demonstrate successful student achievement by maintaining acceptable rates of graduate employment in the career field for which the school provided education (*Section VII (B)(2)(b), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation*).
4. Paier College must demonstrate that the school supports student achievement rates through the school's verifiable records and documentation of initial employment of its and that the employment classifications are appropriate and reasonable based on the educational objectives of the program (*Section VII (B)(1)(b) & Appendix VII, Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation*).
5. Paier College must demonstrate that all monies paid by an applicant are refunded if requested within three days after signing an enrollment agreement and making an initial payment. (*Section I (D)(4)(b), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation*).
6. Paier College must demonstrate compliance with accrediting standards relative to admissions practices as follows:

- a. Paier College must demonstrate that it executes an enrollment agreement for all enrolled students (*Section IV (C)(2)(b), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation*).
  - b. Paier College must demonstrate that prior to enrollment the school determines that an applicant meets the school's admissions requirements and secures documentation to demonstrate that each applicant meets all admission requirements (*Section V (A)(4)(a-b), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation*).
  - c. Paier College must demonstrate that the school furnishes to the student prior to the student starting class, a final copy of the enrollment agreement signed by both parties (*Section IV (C)(2)(d), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation*).
  - d. Paier College must demonstrate that a school shall not permit personnel whose primary responsibilities include recruiting and admissions activities to become involved in admission testing or admission decisions, including signing and accepting the enrollment agreement (*Section IV (A)(13), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation*).
7. Paier College must demonstrate that that the school consistently ensures all graduation requirements are met prior to graduating as published in the school's catalog (*Section I (D)(6), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation*).
  8. Paier College must demonstrate that the school is attentive to its students' educational and other needs as a means to support retention, maintains written policies and procedures addressing student services, and makes students aware of such services (*Section VI (A)(1), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation*).
  9. Paier College must demonstrate compliance with accrediting standards relative to faculty as follows:
    - a. Paier College must demonstrate that faculty teaching technical and occupationally related courses in an academic associate or baccalaureate degree program have a minimum of four years of related practical work experience in the subject area(s) taught and possess a related degree at least at the same level of the course the faculty member is teaching. (*Section III (B)(7), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation*).
    - b. Paier College must demonstrate that at a minimum, at least 50% of graduate level courses included in the master's degree programs are taught by faculty members who possess a minimum of four years of related practical work experience and an earned doctorate degree or other terminal degree in a related field of study (*Section III (B)(10)(a), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation*).
    - c. Paier College must demonstrate that the school verifies prior work experience and maintains documentation of academic credentials of all faculty members and administrators (*Section III (A)(4), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation*).
  10. Paier College must demonstrate that Program Advisory Committees review and comment at least annually on all required areas, that the school gives consideration to PAC input, or that for each master's degree program/ program area, the PAC includes at least two individuals with graduate level experience (*Section II (A)(4)(b)(i) and Appendix III, Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation*).
  11. Paier College must demonstrate that the school's catalog contains all items required by the ACCSC Catalog Checklist (*Section IV(C)(1)(a), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation*).