

# ACCSC Alert!

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Information for  
our member schools

ACCSC Accredited Member Schools and Applicants:

On April 23, 2025, President Trump issued an [Executive Order](#) entitled “Reforming Accreditation to Strengthen Higher Education.” A [fact sheet](#) released by the White House states that:

- *The Order directs the Secretary of Education to hold higher education accreditors accountable, including through denial, monitoring, suspension, or termination of accreditation recognition, for accreditors’ poor performance or violations of federal civil rights law.*
- *It directs the Attorney General and Secretary of Education to investigate and take action to terminate unlawful discrimination by American higher education institutions, including law schools and medical schools.*
- *The Order mandates the Secretary of Education realign accreditation with student-focused principles by:*
  - *Resuming recognition of new accreditors to foster competition.*
  - *Requiring institutions use program-level student outcome data to improve results, without reference to race, ethnicity, or sex.*
  - *Requiring high-quality, high-value academic programs.*
  - *Prioritizing intellectual diversity among faculty in order to advance academic freedom, intellectual inquiry, and student learning.*
  - *Launching an experimental site to test innovative quality assurance pathways.*
  - *Increasing the consistency, efficiency, and effectiveness of the accreditor recognition review process.*
  - *Streamlining accreditor recognition and institutional transitions between accreditors.*

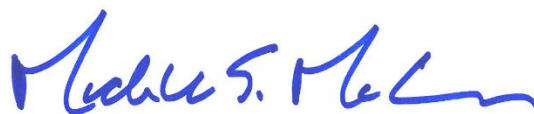
As ACCSC-accredited schools well know, institutional integrity, accountability, educational quality, and program-level benchmark rates of student success are all hallmarks of ACCSC’s accreditation process. ACCSC intends to continue its focus and efforts in these regards as a means to show that its rigorous standards, focus on student achievement, and balanced accountability measures make ACCSC a valid and reliable authority on quality education.

ACCSC is reviewing this Executive Order closely as should all ACCSC-accredited schools. Schools should look for future guidance from ACCSC should the Commission determine that revisions or changes are necessary as a means to meet the expectations of this Executive Order.

Sincerely,



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