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ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

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School #M070512 Probation

Dear

At the June 2025 meeting, the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges ("ACCSC" or "the Commission") considered the Application for a Change of Location-Part I submitted by Advance Science International College ("ASIC") located in Miami Lakes, Florida. Upon review of the school's response to the Commission's May 21, 2025 request for additional information regarding the school's Application for a Change of Location-Part I, the Commission voted to:

- Place ASIC on **Probation** and
- Approve the Application for a Change of Location-Part I.²

A subsequent review is scheduled for ACCSC's **August 2025** meeting. The reasons for the Commission's decision are set forth below.

History:

On May 8, 2025, ASIC submitted an Application for a Change of Location-Part I which includes a summary of events leading to the vacancy from 5190 NW 167th Street, Suite 200 to the new location, approximately 1.66 miles away, at 15485 Eagle Nest Lane, Suite 210. In addition, the application indicates that:

- The vacancy occurred March 25, 2025, approximately 45 days prior to the submission of the Application for a Change of Location-Part I;
- There are currently no students at the school; and
- Classes will resume on July 1, 2025.

Based on the application, ACCSC requested additional information regarding enrollment and the disposition of all students at the time of the vacancy from the previous location on March 25, 2025, as applicable, along with any notification to the state or other accrediting agencies with regard to the unplanned change in location.

On May 15, 2025, in response to the information request, ASIC confirmed that there were no students at the time of vacancy as the Nursing (AS) students were taught out on August 31, 2024 and all Radiologic Technology (AS) students graduated on or before October 30, 2024. Additionally, ASIC provided notification on April 21, 2025 to the Florida Commission of Independent Education ("CIE") of the proposed new location. As such, on May 21, 2025, ACCSC requested additional information regarding the interruption of training and the lack of notification to ACCSC of the vacancy of a location or cessation of training.

¹ The school has submitted an Application for a Change of Location-Part I and is no longer operating at this location.

² Although the Commission placed the school on Probation, the school can only resolve the issue that led to the Probation through the approval of the change of location.

June 2025 Review:

At its June 2025 meeting, the Commission determined that ASIC did not demonstrate that the school has maintained continuous operation³ providing education and training to students in accordance with its primary educational objectives or that the school has maintained its ability to meet its obligations to students on an ongoing basis ($Section\ I\ (G)(2)(b)\ Rules\ of\ Process\ and\ Procedure,\ Standards\ of\ Accreditation$). The continuous operation provision is a requirement for schools to maintain eligibility for accreditation. Based on the information provided in the school's June 5, 2025 response, it appears that ASIC made the decision to temporarily cease enrollment ahead of the Spring Semester 2025 term (January 6, 2025 to April 30, 2025) in anticipation of a potential change of location. Additionally, based on lease negotiations, ASIC then made the decision to postpone the Summer Semester 2025 term, with an anticipated start date of May 1, 2025, to July 1, 2025. Given these circumstances, the June 5, 2025 response indicates that ASIC has not provided education and training to students since October 31, 2024.

ASIC further stated that:

Although there were no students enrolled at all in the Spring Semester 2025 and no program classes whatsoever, the School has maintained open its communication line phone and all its administrative and support personnel email services to guarantee the School sharing communication with any prospective students regarding the cessation of operation at the former location and the pending change of location (June 5, 2025 ASIC Response, pg. 4).

Additionally, ASIC provided documentation of actions taken to ensure future compliance including:

- School administrators and support personnel participating in a training workshop on material events or circumstances requiring ACCSC notification;
- School administrators and support personnel participating in the external continuing education course "CM106- Creating a Compliant Culture: Do's and Don'ts"; and
- Creating a Compliance Response Committee with "the ability to detect faults [that] is essential to the implementation of a system fault location and fault recovery process" (*Id.*, pg. 9).

While the Commission acknowledged the circumstances that led to the vacancy and the interruption of training, the school's failure to provide education and training for nearly eight months, along with the submission of a location change application only after the move had occurred,⁴ necessitated the Commission's decision to place the school on Probation.

The Commission understands that the school intends to resume operations on July 1, 2025 at the new location but cannot commence providing education and training without approval from the Commission. As such, the Commission approved the Application for a Change of Location-Part I effective as of the date of this letter as follows:

Previous Address	New Address
5190 NW 167 th Street, Suite 200	15485 Eagle Nest Lane, Suite 210
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014	Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

³ The term "continuous operation" means a school operating without cessation – with the exception of regularly scheduled breaks, vacation periods, or an approved change of location – providing education and training to students in accordance with its primary educational objectives(s) (Section I (A)(11) Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation).

⁴ Section IV (C)(4)(i) Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation

To remedy the Probation action, the Commission directs ASIC to submit the following:

- a. A \$750 late fee based on the submission date for the Application for a Change of Location-Part I;
- b. A completed Application for a Change of Location-Part II;
- A list of all students enrolled at the school for the upcoming start July 1, 2025, using the following table (sample text):

Student Name	Program	Date of Enrollment	Estimated Date of Graduation
John Doe	Radiologic Technology (AS)	01/01/2022	10/01/2024

- d. An executed enrollment agreement for each student listed above;
- e. Updated communication with the state or other accreditation agencies, as applicable;
- f. A signed attestation that key administrative staff have read the ACCSC Standards of Accreditation and understand the requirements to maintain eligibility for accreditation and for making substantive changes; and
- g. Any additional information that the school believes will be useful to the Commission in making a determination regarding the school's compliance with standards.

PROBATION REQUIREMENTS:

In cases where the Commission has reason to believe that a school is not in compliance with accreditation standards and other requirements, the Commission may, at its discretion, place a school on Probation. A school subject to Probation must demonstrate corrective action and compliance with accrediting standards. Failure of the school to demonstrate compliance with accrediting standards or other accrediting requirements by the due date set forth herein may result in a revocation of accreditation action.

The Commission will not consider substantive changes, a change of location/relocation, or additions (i.e., separate facilities, new programs) to a school or its separate facilities while the school is on Probation. However, a school that is subject to Probation may seek the Commission's approval for the transfer of accreditation that would result from a change of ownership as described in Section IV, Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation (Section VII (L)(6) Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation).

In accordance with Section X, Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation, the reasons for the Probation is made public and provided to the U.S. Department of Education, appropriate State agencies, and appropriate accrediting agencies.

Teach-Out Plan Requirement:

Given the serious nature of the issues outlined herein, the Commission directs the school to provide an <u>Institutional Teach Out Plan Approval Form</u>, <u>which must be submitted as part of the response for the items listed above.</u>

MAXIMUM TIMEFRAME TO ACHIEVE COMPLIANCE:

According to Section VII (M), Rules of Process and Procedures, Standards of Accreditation, where the Commission has found an area in which the school is out of compliance with accreditation standards or requirements, the period allotted to the school to remedy the noncompliance or cure the deficiency, together with the time for the Commission's final decision, will not exceed the lesser of 150% of the length of the longest program offered at the school or three years unless there is good cause to extend the period for

achieving compliance. Please also be advised that the Commission is not required to allow the maximum time frame to remedy noncompliance in all instances and may establish shorter time frames as deemed appropriate, including taking immediate adverse action. Therefore, based on the circumstances, the maximum timeframe allowed for ASIC to achieve and demonstrate compliance with the *Standards of Accreditation* begins as of the date of this letter and ends on **August 29**, **2025**.

Notification to Students:

Within **seven days** of receipt of the Probation notification and for the duration of that action, the school must:

- a. Inform current and prospective students in writing that the school has been placed on Probation and provide such notice on the school's website;
- b. Provide a summary that accurately describes the reasons for the Probation; and
- c. Provide the uniform resource locator (URL) where that action can be obtained from the Commission's website.

The school must within seven days inform current and prospective students in writing that the school has been placed on Probation, provide a summary of the reasons for the Probation, and indicate where that action can be obtained from the Commission's website. (Section VII (L)(7) Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation). Within 10 days the school must upload a copy of the notice provided to students to ACCSC's College 360 Database (directions below).

RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS:

By applying for accreditation, a school accepts the obligation to demonstrate continuous compliance with the *Standards of Accreditation*. While the Commission employs its own methods to determine a school's compliance with accrediting standards, the burden rests with the school to establish that it is meeting the standards. The Commission's deliberations and decisions are made on the basis of the written record and thus a school must supply the Commission with complete documentation of the school's compliance with accrediting standards.

ASIC must provide a response to the items expressed above that provides the information requested along with any additional information that the school believes supports a demonstration of compliance with accrediting standards.⁵ If the school's response contains documentation that includes personal or confidential student or staff information that is not required for the Commission's review (e.g., social security numbers, dates of birth, etc.), please remove or redact that information.

ASIC must upload the school's electronic response directly to ACCSC's College 360 Database. The ACCSC College 360 database can be accessed by <u>clicking here.</u> Please note that the password utilized by the institution to access the Annual Report Portal is the same to access the School Submission section of the College 360 database. The Instructions for College 360 DMS Submissions can be found <u>here.</u> A detailed overview on how to upload a school submission can be found <u>here.</u>

Keep in mind, the school's response must be prepared in accordance with ACCSC's Instructions for Electronic Submission (e.g., prepared as one Portable Document Format ("PDF") file that has been prepared

⁵ ACCSC has resources for submitting a well-documented and organized response for Commission consideration. As a reminder *Section I (H)(1) Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*, states that all submissions and notifications must be organized as required by the *ACCSC Instructions for Electronic Submission*. More information is available on the <u>ACCSC website</u> under <u>Resources</u> and <u>Forms and Reports</u>.

using Adobe Acrobat software (version 8.0 or higher) and which has a .pdf extension as part of the file name). The school will receive an e-mail confirmation that the file has been received within 24 hours of the submission.

In summary, the school's responses are to include the following:

- A copy of the notice provided to students of this Probation to ACCSC's College 360 School Submission Portal uploaded no later than July 7, 2025;
- The school's response to the substantive items included in this letter along with a signed certification attesting to the accuracy of the information uploaded to the College360 School Submission Portal no later than July 18, 2025;
- An Institutional Teach Out Plan Approval Form submitted as part of the response due July 18, 2025.

If the responses, the required \$1000 processing fee,⁶ and the certificate of attesting to the accuracy of the information is not received in the Commission's office on or before July 18, 2025, the Commission will consider further appropriate action.

For assistance with the password or for any other questions regarding the electronic submission requirements, please contact or Please note that any password requests to access College 360 must be made by the school director, or designated member of the school's management team, via e-mail.
For further assistance or additional information, please contact
Sincerely,
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Executive Director
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⁶ ACCSC assesses a \$1,000 processing fee to a school placed on Probation.