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ACCSC ACCREDITATION ALERT

To: ACCSC Accredited Institutions and Other Interested Parties

From: Michale S. McComis, Ed.D., Executive Director

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Subject: Announcements

The Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges has announcements in the following areas:

- ➤ Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) Recognition
- ➤ Call for Commissioner Nominations Deadline Extended
- > Financial Statement Analysis Worksheet

If anyone has any questions, please contact Michale S. McComis, Ed.D., ACCSC Executive Director at mccomis@accsc.org or 703.247.4520.

COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION ACCREDITATION RECOGNITION

ACCSC is proud to announce the following: At its meeting on September 29, 2025, the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) Board of Directors reviewed the recommendation of the CHEA Committee on Recognition regarding the recognition application submitted by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC).

The Board of Directors accepted the Committee recommendation and recognized ACCSC for the following scope of accreditation:

ACCSC accredits post-secondary institutions in the United States and internationally that offer non-degree programs and degree programs, including those granting associate, baccalaureate, and master's degrees that are predominantly organized to educate students in career-oriented areas of study to include institutions that offer distance education. (2025)

ACCSC put a significant and diligent effort into the CHEA recognition process and is absolutely thrilled with this result. Mike Romano, ACCSC Chair, said that "ACCSC's unflagging commitment to its accreditation process and to students along with the dedication of ACCSC Commissioners and staff made this recognition a huge success—this is a proud day for ACCSC and its accredited schools."

More details will be forthcoming regarding ACCSC's CHEA recognition and the opportunities for ACCSC-accredited schools to become CHEA members.

CALL FOR COMMISSIONER NOMINATIONS – DEADLINE EXTENDED

On July 3, 2025, ACCSC sent out a <u>Call for Commissioner Nominations</u>. To date there have not been a sufficient number of submissions to fill the upcoming vacancies. Accordingly, the deadline to submit a nomination to serve as an ACCSC Commissioner has been extended to November 15, 2025.

If you have an interest in serving, please submit your nomination. If you have any questions about what it means to be an ACCSC Commissioner or the time commitment required, please contact Michale McComis directly. Accreditation only works as a peer review process when peers participate. It is important that all schools that receive the benefits of peer review contribute to this foundational component of the accreditation compact. So please consider contributing your knowledge, passion, expertise, and time to ACCSC and help our Commission continue to fulfill our mission of ensuring quality education that enhances student success in the workplace.

A copy of the Call for Commissioner Nominations can be found at this <u>link</u>.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT ANALYSIS WORKSHEET

In the July 1, 2025 Accreditation Alert, the Commission announced that it would require the submission of an ACCSC Financial Statement Analysis Worksheet that includes a summary of key financial information, a z-score analysis, and the federal composite score (as required for those schools participating in federal student aid programs). Accordingly, the Financial Statement Analysis Worksheet is now available from the ACCSC website and this worksheet is required to be submitted along with all annual financial reports/statements submitted on or after October 15, 2025. Please note that this worksheet has alternate submission requirements and schools should familiarize themselves with the directions.