



Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges

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April 3, 2026

ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

[Redacted]

Chief Executive Officer
Arkansas Technical School
200 E. Washington Avenue
North Little Rock, Arkansas 72114

School #M059308
Withdrawal of Accreditation

Dear [Redacted]:

At the February 2026 meeting the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (“ACCSC” or “the Commission”) considered the matter of the closure of Arkansas Technical School (“ATS”) located in North Little Rock, Arkansas. Specifically, ACCSC received notification on January 7, 2026 from the Arkansas Department of Health that ATS closed effective December 10, 2025. As of that date, ATS was on Probation with ACCSC due to delinquent fees and required application.¹ According to ACCSC’s records, ATS did not notify the Commission of this closure or submit a teach-out plan as required.

In a letter dated January 9, 2026 ACCSC informed ATS of the receipt of the notice from the Arkansas Department of Health and reminded the school of the *Rules* regarding a proper closure/teach-out.² As of that date ATS had not responded to ACCSC’s notice of Probation as part of the process. The January 9, 2026 letter also provided ATS with an opportunity to submit a response regarding the school’s operational status and compliance with *Section VII (Q)(6) and VII (R)(4) Rules of Process and Procedure*, any information regarding the delinquent fees and reports detailed in the December 5, 2025 Probation letter, and any other information the school wishes the Commission to consider. On January 12, 2026 ATS confirmed receipt via email, of the January 9, 2026 letter and only stated that “due to unforeseen circumstances, Arkansas Technical School had to vacate the premises of 200 E. Washington Ave, Little Rock, AR, 72114 in December 2025.” ATS provided no information regarding teach-out arrangements made for students.

Withdrawal and Effective Date

Based on the foregoing, ACCSC considers the accreditation of Arkansas Technical School to be withdrawn effective December 10, 2025 pursuant to *Section VII (Q)(6) and (R)(4) Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*. In accordance with *Section X (C)&(D), Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*, the reasons for the withdrawal are made public and provided to the U.S. Department of Education, appropriate state agencies, and appropriate accrediting agencies.

¹ *Section VII (Q)(6) and VII (R)(4) Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation* state that in instances where a school closes without a) completing the education for all enrolled students prior to the closure; b) having an approved teach-out plan (to include a teach-out agreement(s) as may be required) that the school adheres to prior to closure; or c) having made formal arrangements for all students to complete their education elsewhere through transfer credit, articulation, or as part of a teach-out agreement prior to closure, the Commission will consider the school to have had its accreditation withdrawn as of the date that the school closes.

² In the January 9, 2026 letter ACCSC provided a copy of the December 5, 2025 Probation and described the efforts made ensure ATS’s receipt of the Probation. On December 5, 2025, ACCSC staff emailed the school’s Director, Stephanie Smith, with instructions for accessing the Probation letter, which serves as ACCSC’s method for confirming receipt. The school did not respond and therefore ACCSC sent a follow-up email on December 22, 2025 which the school also did not respond to. Additionally, ACCSC staff emailed the school on December 15, 2025 regarding an on-site evaluation and did not receive a reply. On January 6, 2025 ACCSC staff left a voicemail at the school and did not receive a response and also attempted to contact all phone numbers available in ACCSC’s records and listed on the school’s website and was unable to contact anyone with the school.

Teach-Out Plan

As a part of this action and as a means to protect student interests, the Commission directs the school to provide an Institutional Teach-Out Plan **on or before April 13, 2026**.

Appeal and Reapplication Process and Procedure

ATS may opt to appeal the Commission’s decision to withdraw accreditation or may elect to reapply for accreditation. Details regarding the reapplication and appeal procedures are outlined in the *ACCSC Rules of Process and Procedures, Standards of Accreditation*.

- If ATS elects to appeal this decision, the school must sign and return the enclosed Letter of Intent to Appeal a Commission Decision, along with the Appeal Expense Fee of \$8,000.00 **on or before April 13, 2026**.
- If ATS elects to appeal this decision, the school’s Appeal of a Commission Decision and Grounds for Appeal must be submitted **on or before May 4, 2026**.
- If ATS elects not to appeal this decision, the Commission’s decision will become effective **the date of the school’s closure, December 10, 2025**. The school may submit comments **on or before April 13, 2026** in accordance with the enclosed Public Comment Disclosure Form. Comments submitted by the school will accompany any public disclosure of a final Commission action pursuant to *Section X (D)(4), Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*.
- In accordance with *Section VII (Q)(7) Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*, the school may reapply no sooner than nine months from the date on which the withdrawal of accreditation becomes effective.

Please contact me directly at [REDACTED] if you have any question regarding the Commission’s decision or the ACCSC appeal process.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Executive Director

Encls: Letter of Intent to Appeal a Commission Decision
ACCSC Standing Appeals Commission Members
Public Comment Disclosure Form



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LETTER OF INTENT TO APPEAL A COMMISSION DECISION

To Be Submitted No Later Than April 13, 2026

Michale S. McComis, Ed.D.
Executive Director
ACCSC
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Arlington, Virginia 22201

Dear Dr. McComis:

This letter serves to provide notice that Arkansas Technical School intends to appeal the recent decision of the Commission to withdraw the school’s accreditation.

Attached is a check in the amount of \$8,000 as required by accreditation procedures. I understand that this fee is non-refundable.

I understand that an ACCSC Sitting Appeals Panel will meet to consider the appeal of the school and that I will receive final confirmation of the hearing at a later date. I have reviewed *Section VIII, Rules of Process and Procedure* of the *Standards of Accreditation* pertaining to appeals and noted that I am entitled to a transcript of the proceedings and to have representatives, including legal counsel, present with advance notification to ACCSC.

I understand that it is the right of a school to appeal an adverse accreditation decision taken by the Commission on the grounds that the decision was arbitrary, capricious, or otherwise in disregard of the criteria or procedures of the Commission, or not supported by substantial evidence in the record on which the Commission took the action (*Section VIII (B), Rules of Process and Procedures, Standards of Accreditation*). I understand that because the appeal must be based on evidence in the record at the time that the Commission took the adverse action, no new evidence may be submitted during the appeal process, except as allowed for under *Section VIII (C)(2)(c), Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*.

I understand that it is the right of a school intending to appeal a Commission decision to indicate whether there is good cause as to why any member of the Commission’s Standing Appeal Panel should not hear the appeal. I have reviewed the list of Standing Appeal Panel members and have included with this notice any objections to any member of the Standing Appeal Panel with the reasons and cause why I believe that member should not hear the school’s appeal. I understand the absence of a submission with this notice indicates my approval to allow any member of the Standing Appeal Panel to sit for the school’s appeal.

I understand that the Application for Appeal of Commission Decision along with the school’s Grounds for Appeal are due to ACCSC **on or before May 4, 2026**, and I agree to submit that material on or before that date. I understand that failure to submit these required documents by the due date could prevent consideration of the school’s appeal.

Signature

Date

Name/Title

Standing Appeals Panel Members

Panel Member	Affiliation	Term Ending
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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PUBLIC COMMENT DISCLOSURE FORM

To Be Submitted No Later Than April 13, 2026

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ACCSC
2101 Wilson Boulevard, Suite #302
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**RE: *Arkansas Technical School
200 E. Washington Avenue
North Little Rock, Arkansas 72114***

I understand and agree that the Commission, pursuant to *Section X (C)(4) &(D)(4), Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*, will make public the reasons for the decision together with any comments submitted by the school. I further understand that the summary will be accompanied by the attached comments.

I understand and agree that the attached comments constitute Arkansas Technical School’s public comments on the adverse accreditation action that are to be disseminated with the public notice of the Commission’s adverse accreditation decision including, but not limited to, dissemination to appropriate federal, state and other accrediting agencies and posting to the ACCSC website (*Section X (C)(4)&(D)(4), Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*).

I understand and agree that the school is not obligated to submit public comments and acknowledge that the attached comments are provided voluntarily.

I understand and agree that the school’s public comments must be in summary format, professional in tone, and free of profanity and calumnious statements and limited to two type written pages. I acknowledge that any comments which do not meet these requirements will not be disseminated or posted along with the summary of the reasons for the adverse accreditation decision.

I understand and agree that the Commission will release the adverse accreditation decision to the public pursuant to *Section X (D)(3), Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation* and that the school’s written comments will not be added to this disclosure if this form and the comments are not submitted in the required format **on or before April 13, 2026.**

I understand and agree that the Commission has no responsibility for how the school’s comments may be used once put into the public domain.

Signature

Date

Name/Title