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October 6, 2026

ELECTRONIC DELIVERY
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Executive Director
Circadium
6452 Greene Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19119

School #M074005

Dear [redacted]:

At the June 2026 meeting the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges ("ACCSC" or "the Commission") considered the following events leading up to the closure of Circadium located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania:

- **January 16, 2026**: Circadium notified ACCSC that the school would be ceasing operation on June 1, 2026 and that the school had been "unable to craft a Teach-Out Plan."
- **January 16, 2026**: ACCSC notified the school via email that an institutional teach-out plan is required no later than April 1, 2026.
- **March 27, 2026**: Circadium submitted an Institutional Teach-Out Approval Form.
- **May 12, 2026**: ACCSC informed the school that while the teach-out plan indicates the school has informed students it will assist them with finding comparable schools, the teach-out plan does not demonstrate that the school has made arrangements for the teach-out of students prior to the closure of the school.

The May 12, 2026 email provided the school with an additional opportunity to provide any updates regarding arrangements that have been made for all students to which the school did not respond. Per *Section VII (Q)(6) & VII (R)(4) Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation,*

> *The Commission will consider the school to have had its accreditation withdrawn as of the date that the school closes in instances where a school closes without:*
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> *a. Completing the education for all enrolled students prior to the closure;*
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> *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*
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> *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.*

Based on the information available, the Commission determined that the school closed without an approved teach-out plan or making formal arrangements for students prior to the closure of the school. Accordingly, pursuant to *Section VII (Q)(6) and (R)(4) Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*. the Commission considers the accreditation of Circadium to be withdrawn effective **June 1, 2026**. 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.

Teach-Out Plan

Pursuant to the Commission's decision, Circadium must provide an Institutional Teach-Out Plan Approval Form and as applicable a Teach-Out Agreement Approval Form (*Section IV (F)(2)(b) Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*). In its Teach-out Plan the school must demonstrate how it will ensure the opportunity for students to complete their program of study either by the school or through an agreement with another accredited institution(s) approved to offer a program comparative to the school's (in the latter instance, ensure to submit the Teach-Out Agreement Approval Form). The Teach-out Plan must contemplate the loss of accreditation and any concordant loss of state or federal funding. The school's Institutional Teach-Out Plan Approval Form and as applicable Teach-Out Agreement Approval Form should be submitted **on or before October 16, 2026.**

Appeal and Reapplication Process and Procedure

Circadium 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 Circadium 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 October 16, 2026.**
- If Circadium elects to appeal this decision, the school's Application for Appeal of a Commission Decision and Grounds for Appeal must be submitted **on or before November 5, 2026.**
- If Circadium elects not to appeal this decision, the Commission's decision will become effective **as of June 1, 2026.** The school may submit comments **on or before October 16, 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 October 16, 2026

Michale S. McComis, Ed.D.
Executive Director
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Dear Dr. McComis:

This letter serves to provide notice that Circadium 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 November 5, 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.

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Signature Date

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Name/Title

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Standing Appeals Panel Members

Panel Member	Affiliation	Term Ending
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PUBLIC COMMENT DISCLOSURE FORM

To Be Submitted No Later Than October 16, 2026

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RE: ***Circadium***
6452 Greene Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19119

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 Circadium'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 October 16, 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

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Name/Title