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VIA EMAIL
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Ms. Sara Cristi
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***Re: Reaccreditation Deferred;
Interim Report Reviewed;
FRC Reporting Reviewed;
Interim Report Required;
Institutional Show Cause Issued***

ACCET ID #887

Dear Ms. Cristi,

At its April 2019 meeting, the Accrediting Commission of the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education & Training (ACCET) the institution's interim report, dated March 5, 2019, submitted in response to the Commission Action letter, dated December 18, 2018, as a result of its review of the application for reaccreditation (visit conducted on October 3-4, 2018) and institutional response, dated November 21, 2018. The Commission's December 2018 action extended the institution's accredited status, and directed the institution to submit an interim report to address the following six ACCET Standards: Standard IV-A Educational Goals and Objectives, Standard IV-C Externship and Internship, Standard V-C Facilities, Standard IX-A Student Satisfaction, Standard IX-B Sponsor/Employer Satisfaction, and Standard IX-D Completion and Job Placement. At the April 2019 meeting, the Commission also reviewed FRC Reporting submitted by the institution on March 15, 2019 in response to ACCET's letter, dated February 11, 2019, requesting student information relative to the institution's program review by the U.S. Department of Education.

Upon its review at the April 2019 meeting, the Commission voted to extend the institution's accredited status until August 30, 2019 and defer further action pending receipt of additional information. Following its review, the Commission also voted to issue a show cause directive, requiring the institution to provide a compelling rationale as to why its accredited status should not be withdrawn due to serious concerns regarding the financial implications of the U.S. Department of Education's program review conducted the week of August 13, 2018 and the unannounced follow-up visit to the institution on January 23, 2019 relative to the institution's enrollment of approximately 200 students with high school credentials from Parkridge Private School (Parkridge) in the 2016 – 2019 award years. At issue is the validity of the high school credentials from Parkridge and; therefore, the Title IV eligibility of students enrolled with a Parkridge Private School high school credential.

While the institution's response adequately addressed the six items identified in the Commission's December 18, 2018 letter, the following items are in need of further clarification and/or resolution relative to ACCET standards, policies, and procedures:

- **The institution must provide a narrative update relative to the program review conducted by the U.S. Department of Education during the week of August 13, 2018) and the unannounced follow-up visit to the institution on January 23, 2019, to include: (1) all correspondence and reporting between the institution and the U.S. Department of Education relative to the program review and follow-up activities; (2) documentation to demonstrate the relationship between A-Technical College and Parkridge Private School such as any contract, agreement(s), memorandum of understanding, and/or other arrangement(s); and (3) revised admissions policies and procedures to ensure the validity of high school credentials of prospective students, along with documented evidence of the systematic and effective implementation of these policies/procedures.**

A copy of this report, including the attached **interim report cover sheet**, must be emailed to interimreports@accet.org for receipt at the ACCET office no later than **June 28, 2019**.

As a reminder, please be advised that late submission and receipt of documents and reports are subject to significant late fees in accordance with Commission policy. These fees are outlined in ACCET Document 10, which can be found at www.accet.org.

Further, while under a Show Cause directive, the institution is restricted from making any substantive changes including, but not limited to, new programs, major program revisions, new branch campuses or other new sites, or relocations out of the general market area.

Deferral of reaccreditation is not an adverse action and is explained in ACCET Document 11 – Policies and Practices of the Accrediting Commission, which is available on our website at www.accet.org. The deferral of a final decision is intended to allow for an opportunity to clarify and/or resolve the issues of concern cited herein, specifically focused on the demonstration of systematic and effective implementation of revised policies and procedures in practice over time. In accordance with Commission policy, no substantive changes including, but not limited to, new programs or major program revisions, new branch campuses or other new sites, and/or relocation out of the general market area, will be permitted during the term of the deferral period.

Your demonstrated capabilities and commitment in support of the institution's accredited status are essential to a favorable outcome in this process. Should you have any questions or need further assistance regarding this letter, please contact the ACCET office at your earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: Interim Report Cover Sheet

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