



Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges

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Dear Ms. Gilcher:

This letter is to inform the U.S. Department of Education, appropriate state agencies, and appropriate accrediting agencies of the actions taken by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (“ACCSC” or “the Commission”) at its August 2010 meeting. The list includes actions pertaining to grants of initial and renewal of accreditation as well as probation, revocation of accreditation, and denial of accreditation actions.

RENEWAL OF ACCREDITATION – MAIN SCHOOLS					
School	School #	City	State	# of Years	Effective Date
Advance Tech College	MS 070589	Bayamon	PR	5 years	Nov-09
Careers Unlimited	MS 070336	Orem	UT	5 years	Feb-10
Carib Technological Institute	MS 070681	Bayamon	PR	5 years	May-09
Central Mass School of Massage & Therapy	MS 070966	Spencer	MA	5 years	May-10
Charlie’s Guard Detective Bureau and Academy	MS 070504	Aguadilla	PR	5 years	Aug-10
Colegio Cinematografia, Artes y TV	MS 069453	Bayamon	PR	5 years	Aug-10
Concorde Career Institute	MS 054977	Miramar	FL	5 years	May-10
Cortiva Institute	MS 001394	Pinellas Park	FL	5 years	Feb-10
Flint Institute of Barbering	MS 000492	Flint	MI	5 years	May-10
Institute of Production and Recording	MS 070895	Minneapolis	MN	5 years	Jul-10
Nova College de Puerto Rico	MS 064777	Bayamon	PR	5 years	May-10
Orleans Technical Institute	MS 001145	Philadelphia	PA	5 years	Feb-10
Paier College of Art	MS 000242	Hamden	CT	5 years	Mar-09

RENEWAL OF ACCREDITATION – MAIN SCHOOLS					
School	School #	City	State	# of Years	Effective Date
Vista College	MS 055898	Clearfield	UT	5 years	Nov-09
RENEWAL OF ACCREDITATION WITH STIPULATIONS¹ – MAIN SCHOOLS					
School	School #	City	State	# of Years	Effective Date
Automeca Technical College	MS 070983	Bayamon	PR	5 years	Aug-10
Eastern International College	MS 070039	Jersey City	NJ	5 years	Feb-10
Everest College	MS 000502	Los Angeles	CA	5 years	Aug-10
HDS Truck Driving Institute	MS 070332	Tucson	AZ	5 years	Feb-10
New England Culinary Institute	MS 001292	Montpelier	VT	5 years	May-10
New England School of Photography	MS 001132	Boston	MA	5 years	May-10

RENEWAL OF ACCREDITATION – BRANCH CAMPUSES					
School	School #	City	State	# of Years	Effective Date
Automeca Technical College	BR 070672	Aguadilla	PR	5 years	Aug-10
Automeca Technical College	BR 070673	Caguas	PR	5 years	Aug-10
Everest College	BR 057763	City of Industry	CA	5 years	Aug-10
Everest Institute	BR 072113	Jonesboro	GA	5 years	Jun-09
Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics	BR 072185	Vienna	OH	5 years	Jul-10
Remington College Houston-Southeast Campus	BR 072168	Webster	TX	5 years	Feb-10
Southeastern Institute	BR 072182	Nashville	TN	5 years	Jun-10

RENEWAL OF ACCREDITATION WITH STIPULATIONS² – BRANCH CAMPUSES					
School	School #	City	State	# of Years	Effective Date
Antonelli College	BR 070141	Hattiesburg	MS	5 years	Jan-10
Antonelli College	BR 070138	Jackson	MS	5 years	Feb-10

¹ Once the main schools listed fulfill the stipulation(s), the Commission's grant of renewal of accreditation goes into effect.

² Once the branch schools listed fulfill the stipulation(s), the Commission's grant of renewal of accreditation goes into effect.

RENEWAL OF ACCREDITATION WITH STIPULATIONS² – BRANCH CAMPUSES					
School	School #	City	State	# of Years	Effective Date
Center of Cinematography, Art & Television	BR 072137	Miami	FL	5 years	Mar-10
Educational Technical College	BR 070728	Coamo	PR	5 years	Dec-10
Kaplan College	BR 072165	Cincinnati	OH	5 years	May-10
Laurus Technical Institute	BR 070692	Jonesboro	GA	5 years	Jun-10
Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts	BR 070680	Las Vegas	NV	5 years	May-10

PROBATION ORDER ISSUED - NEW					
School	School #	City	State	Initial Probation	Next Review
Westwood College-Denver North	MS 000223	Denver	CO	Aug-10	Nov-10

PROBATION ORDER REMOVED				
School	School #	City	State	Removal Effective Date
Pennsylvania Institute of Taxidermy, Inc	MS 055421	Ebensburg	PA	September 1, 2010

REVOCAION OF ACCREDITATION			
School	School #	City	State
Butera School of Art	MS 000795	Boston	MA

DENIAL OF APPLICATION FOR ACCREDITATION			
School	School #	City	State
New Professions Technical Institute	MS 072204	Miami	FL

Pursuant to *Section X (C)(2), Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*, the Commission, at the same time it notifies the school, will provide notice and a summary of the reasons why a school is placed on Probation to the U.S. Department of Education, the appropriate state licensing agency, and appropriate accrediting agencies. Accordingly, a summary of the Probation Action is included with this letter.

Pursuant to *Section X (C)(3), Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*, the Commission, at the same time it notifies the school, will provide notice to the U.S. Department of Education, the appropriate state licensing agency, and appropriate accrediting agencies, of an action subject to appeal along with a summary of the reasons for the Commission's action and information

pertaining to the ACCSC appeal process. Accordingly, the a summary of the accreditation revocation action and the

Pursuant to *Section X (E)(1), Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*, the Commission will grant all reasonable special requests for accreditation information made by other accreditation agencies and government entities. Requests for information from such entities must be in writing, submitted to the Executive Director of ACCSC, and state the name and address of the school for which the information is sought, the nature of the information requested, and the purpose for which the information is to be used.

If you need assistance or information, please feel free to contact me directly at 703.247.4212 or by e-mail at mmccomis@accsc.org.

Sincerely,



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DISCLOSURE OF COMMISSION ACTIONS SUMMARY OF GROUNDS FOR PROBATION ACTION

WESTWOOD COLLEGE-DENVER NORTH 7350 NORTH BROADWAY DENVER, COLORADO 80221

According to *Section X (D)(2), Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*, the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (“ACCSC” or “the Commission”), at the same time it notifies the school, will make public a decision to place a school on Probation and provide a summary of the reasons why a school is placed on Probation.

Westwood College-Denver North located in Denver, Colorado, has been placed on Probation by the Commission for the reasons summarized below. The Probation Order and the school’s response will be reviewed by the Commission at its November 2010 meeting.

Summary of Grounds for Probation:

1. Westwood College-Denver North must demonstrate rates of student achievement that comply with accreditation requirements and meet specified benchmarks with regard to student graduation and graduate employment (*Section VII (B)(1)(b), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation*).
2. Westwood College-Denver North must demonstrate the proper management and administrative oversight with regard to the school’s branch campus, Westwood-Houston South, Houston, Texas (*Section VIII (B), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation*). Accreditation standards require that a main school is responsible and accountable to the Commission for its separate facilities, that the main school is ultimately responsible and accountable for compliance with accrediting standards by its separate facilities, and accreditation of the main school requires adherence to accrediting standards by its separate facilities.
3. Westwood College-Denver North must provide the school’s policy and procedure for handling student complaints and show that the school informs students in writing of the policy and procedure (*Section VI (D)(1), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation*). In addition, Westwood College-Denver North must demonstrate that the school is fulfilling obligations to students and must show that its objectives appropriately serve to support the success of students (*Introduction; Section I Statement of Purpose & (A)(1), Substantive Standards; Standards of Accreditation*).
4. Westwood College-Denver North must demonstrate that the school and its ACCSC-accredited affiliated institutions comply with accrediting standards in the areas of student recruitment (*Section IV, Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation*).
5. Westwood College-Denver North must demonstrate the proper and adequate management and administrative capacity of the school and that the school has the capability to meet and exceed accrediting standards on an ongoing basis (*Section I, Statement of Purpose and Section I (A)(1), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation*). The Probation Order sets forth several areas, where the Commission has significant concerns regarding Westwood’s operations and compliance with accrediting standards.



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DISCLOSURE OF COMMISSION ACTIONS ADVERSE ACTION SUBJECT TO APPEAL

**BUTERA SCHOOL OF ART
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According to *Section X (D)(3), Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*, the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (“ACCSC” or “the Commission”), at the same time it notifies the school, will make public an action subject to appeal, with the exception of the denial of a substantive change application. A summary of the reasons for the Commission’s action will also be made public along with information pertaining to the ACCSC appeal process.

ACCSC has voted to revoke the accreditation of Butera School of Art located in Boston, Massachusetts and to remove the school from the ACCSC list of accredited institutions effective the date that an unapproved change of ownership transaction occurred, July 28, 2010. Summarized below are the accrediting standards that are the subject of this revocation action.

Summary of Grounds for the Revocation of Accreditation

1. Butera School of Art failed to apply for and obtain Commission approval prior to undertaking a change of ownership as required (*Section IV (C)(1), Rules of Process and Procedures, Standards of Accreditation*).
2. Butera School of Art failed to demonstrate that the school has all necessary authorizations from the state in which it operates (*Section I (B)(2)(a)(ii), Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*)

ACCSC Appeal Process

Butera School of Art may opt to appeal the Commission’s decision to revoke accreditation or to reapply for accreditation by filing a Letter of Intent to Appeal a Commission Decision on or before September 2, 2010. Details regarding the reapplication and appeal procedures are outlined in the ACCSC *Rules of Process and Procedures, Standards of Accreditation*. If Butera School of Art elects not to appeal this decision, the school may reapply for accreditation after a period of nine months (*Section VII (P)(4), Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*).



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**DISCLOSURE OF COMMISSION ACTIONS
ADVERSE ACTION SUBJECT TO APPEAL**

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ACCSC has voted to deny accreditation to New Professional Technical Institute. Summarized below are the grounds for the Commission’s decision:

The Commission determined that the school did not demonstrate the following:

1. That the school’s primary educational objective program is to prepare students for entrance or advancement in one or more occupations requiring technical or career-oriented competencies (*Section I (B)(1)(d)(i), Rules of Process and Procedures, Standards of Accreditation*);
2. That the school’s ESL programs is a secondary objective of the school (*Section II (C)(1)(c), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation*); or
3. That the school’s stand-alone ESL program is limited to persons already trained in occupations who would be employable if they could demonstrate adequate English language skills (*Section II (C)(2)(b), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation*).

For these reasons, the Commission denied the school’s application for accreditation.