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Policy/Guideline Area

Academic Policies

Applicable Division

TCATs, Community Colleges

Purpose

This policy identifies potential institutional accreditors for Community Colleges and TCATs and describes the method of changing an accreditor.

Policy/Guideline

I. Available Accreditors

A. Community Colleges may choose from the following institutional accreditors.

- 1 Higher Learning Commission
- 2 Middle States Commission on Higher Education
- 3 New England Commission of Higher Education
- 4 Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities
- 5 Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges
- 6 WASC Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges

B. TCATs may choose from the following institutional accreditors.

- 1 Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges
- 2 Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training
- 3 Council on Occupational Education
- 4 Middle States Commission on Secondary Schools

C. This policy shall be reviewed no less than once every three years to conform to changes made by the United States Department of Education or the United States Congress.

II. Changing an Accreditor

A. Subject to approval by the Board, a college may change its institutional accreditor. Before a college takes any action to explore the process of considering a change to its accreditor, the President must notify the Chancellor and work with the System Office to confirm that during the process of changing accreditors, the college will not take any action to jeopardize the ability to provide student financial assistance.

Sources

Authority

T.C.A. §§ 49-8-203, 49-7-187

History

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