BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

Kettering College of Medical Arts

RECOMMENDATION

Kettering College of Medical Arts meets the Chancellor's standards for baccalaureate degrees and the review team recommends authorization for the Bachelor of Science in Diagnostic Medical Sonography program. Authorization will continue through December 31, 2015 to coincide with the college's next accreditation reaffirmation review with the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Authorization is contingent upon the submission of annual progress reports by December 31, 2011, 2012, and 2013, which address any concerns that remain. Authorization will be withdrawn if, in the Chancellor's judgment, such reports do not demonstrate satisfactory progress toward compliance with the Chancellor's standards.

Profile: Kettering College of Medical Arts, located near Dayton, Ohio, is an independent co-educational institution owned by the Kettering Medical Center and affiliated with the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Originally established in 1967, the college today provides nearly 1,000 students with "quality health care education integrated with Christian principles and values in a caring environment."

Accreditation/Authorization: Kettering College of Medical Arts is regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (HLC) and possesses specialized accreditation for several of its professional programs. The Chancellor has authorized the college since March 1968.

Program Information: The proposed program is a request to transition the college's existing two-year associate degree in sonography to a Bachelor of Science degree in Diagnostic Medical Sonography. The 132 semester-hour program, which was developed in alignment with the *Standards and Guidelines for the Accreditation of Educational Programs in Diagnostic Medical Sonography* of the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), includes additional general education coursework and builds upon the existing program to include the rigor appropriate of baccalaureate programs.

Students complete prerequisite coursework in the first year of program; additional coursework in the arts and sciences, with an introduction to sonography, in year two; begin their sonography clinical experiences and classroom experience in abdominal and vascular technology in year three; and complete a clinical externship and obstetrics/gynecology and adult echocardiography experiences in year four.

Review results: The team noted the following strengths during the review: the program mission is aligned with the institutional mission; the curriculum is linked to the CAAHEP standards; an advisory board and data analysis were used to determine the need for the program; assessment processes are in place to evaluate program effectiveness and student performance; existing resources are in place to support the program; and appropriate number of clinical sites have been secured to support the program.

The team also noted an area of non-compliance with the Chancellor's standards and recommended that the institution provide an updated faculty matrix to ensure that the program meets the Chancellor's faculty standards. The institution responded appropriately to the recommendation by submitting additional information to demonstrate that the program faculty meet the Chancellor's faculty standards.

Recommendation to the Chancellor: Kettering College of Medical Arts meets the Chancellor's standards for baccalaureate degrees and the review team recommends authorization for the Bachelor of Science in Diagnostic Medical Sonography degree program. Authorization will continue through December 31, 2015 to coincide with the college's next HLC accreditation reaffirmation review. Authorization is contingent upon the submission of annual progress reports by December 31, 2011, 2012, and 2013, which address any concerns that remain. Authorization will be withdrawn if, in the Chancellor's judgment, such reports do not demonstrate satisfactory progress toward compliance with the Chancellor's standards.

End of Comment Period: July 22, 2010
No Comments Received, Recommend Approval

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Eric D. Fingerhut, Chancellor — Date