

BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

Antonelli College

RECOMMENDATION

Antonelli College meets the Chancellor's minimum standards for applied associate degree programs. Provisional authorization is recommended for the associate of applied business degree programs in graphic design, interior design, office applications, photography, and technical and network support. Provisional authorization is also recommended for the associate of applied science degrees in massage therapy, health information technology—medical administrative assistant, and health information technology—medical coding. Provisional authorization will continue through December 31, 2012, contingent upon continuing accreditation from the Accrediting Commission for Career Schools and Colleges of Technology and continuing recognition from the State Board of Career Colleges and Schools. Provisional authorization is also contingent upon the Chancellor's written approval of progress reports that demonstrate satisfactory progress toward compliance with all standards. The Chancellor shall withdraw provisional accreditation if, in the Chancellor's judgment, the progress reports do not demonstrate satisfactory progress in any area. Progress reports are due by April 1, 2010, and April 1, 2011. A follow-up review will be performed prior to December 31, 2012 to determine continued authorization of the programs.

Profile: Antonelli College is a for-profit, co-educational career college located in Cincinnati, Ohio. The College began as the Gebhardt Art School in 1947 and was renamed Antonelli College in 1982 as it began to broaden its educational scope from art into the business technology and health areas. Today the college serves over 700 undergraduate students in its applied associate degree and diploma programs. Its stated purpose is "to provide a solid foundation of skills, knowledge and training in a student's chosen field".

Accreditation/Authorization: Antonelli College is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Career Schools and Colleges of Technology (ACCSC) and is recognized by the State Board of Career Colleges and Schools (SBCCS). This is the college's first request to the Chancellor and the request is in response to HB 119 of the 127th General Assembly, which requires the Chancellor's authorization for associate degree programs in proprietary colleges and schools as a condition of their students' eligibility for OIG/OCOG funds, a state needs-based financial aid program.

Program Information: Antonelli College is seeking authorization for the following programs:

- Associate of Applied Business in Graphic Design
- Associate of Applied Business in Interior Design
- Associate of Applied Business in Office Applications
- Associate of Applied Business in Photography
- Associate of Applied Business in Technical and Network Support
- Associate of Applied Science in Massage Therapy

Associate of Applied Science in Health Information Technology—Medical Administrative Assistant
Associate of Applied Science in Health Information Technology—Medical Coding

Each program requires at least 90 quarter hours for completion and includes course work in general education, applied general education and the technical/occupational area.

Review Results: The external review team noted the following strengths during the review: the institution's commitment to training students to meet local workforce needs; the presence of a general education lead instructor to support the general education program; the regular use of external advisory boards; the availability of mathematics transition courses for students who are not ready for college-level mathematics; and the orientation and mentoring available to new faculty members.

The team also noted several areas of non compliance with the Chancellor's standards and recommended that the institution: use standard English placement tests to assess incoming students so that those not ready for college-level work could be placed in developmental courses; enhance the rigor and breadth of its general education curriculum to be consistent with state standards for applied associate degree programs; improve the credentials of full-time and part-time faculty members in the general education and technical areas to meet the Chancellor's faculty standards; provide additional detail on the use of offsite clinical placements for students, including the development of legal agreements with clinical placement sites; hire an appropriately credentialed academic librarian and provide a plan for meeting the guidelines for libraries in career schools; develop mechanisms to measure and improve program outcomes (for general education and technical areas) and clarify the student-to-faculty ratio.

The institution responded appropriately to the recommendations of the consultants' report by demonstrating how the recommendations were accepted and integrated into the proposed programs, or, in the case of recommendations that could only be complied with over time, by presenting a clear plan for the implementation of the recommendations and a timeline for such.

Recommendation to the Chancellor: Antonelli College meets the Chancellor's minimum standards for applied associate degree programs. The review team recommends provisional authorization for the associate of applied business degree programs in graphic design, interior design, office applications, photography, and technical and network support. Provisional authorization is also recommended for the associate of applied science degrees in massage therapy, health information technology—medical administrative assistant, and health information technology—medical coding. Provisional authorization will continue through December 31, 2012, contingent upon continuing accreditation from ACCSCT and continuing recognition from the SBCCS and contingent upon the Chancellor's written approval of progress reports that demonstrate satisfactory progress toward compliance with all standards. The Chancellor shall withdraw provisional accreditation if, in the Chancellor's judgment, progress reports do not demonstrate satisfactory progress toward compliance with the Chancellor's standards in any area. Progress reports, reviewed at the college's expense, are due by April 1, 2010, and April 1, 2011. A follow-up review will be performed, at the School's expense, prior to December 31, 2012 to determine continued authorization of the programs.

End of Comment Period: June 1, 2009
No Comments Received, Recommend Approval

APPROVED:



Eric D. Fingerhut, Chancellor

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