BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

Davis College

RECOMMENDATION

Davis College meets the Chancellor's minimum standards for applied associate degree programs. Provisional authorization is recommended for the associate of applied science and associate of applied business degrees listed below. Provisional authorization will continue through December 31, 2012, contingent upon continuing accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission 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: Davis College, Inc., founding in 1858, is a private, for-profit, coeducational institution located in Toledo, Ohio. The college currently offers diploma and associate degree programs to almost 500 students. The college's mission is to "provide marketable skills that enhance the employability of our graduates" and to serve the local community by "offering quality educational programs and services that meet the ever-changing demands of business."

Accreditation/Authorization: Davis College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and is recognized by the State Board of Career Colleges and Schools. 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: Davis College is seeking authorization for the following programs:

Associate of Applied Business in Accounting and Human Resources
Associate of Applied Business in Administrative Professional—Legal Secretarial Major
Associate of Applied Business in Administrative Professional—Medical Secretarial Major
Associate of Applied Business in Administrative Professional
Associate of Applied Business in Business Management
Associate of Applied Business in Computer Networking
Associate of Applied Business in Early Childhood Education
Associate of Applied Business in Fashion Merchandising and Retail Management
Associate of Applied Business in Graphic Design
Associate of Applied Business in Website Support
Associate of Applied Business in Interior Design
Associate of Applied Business in Marketing
Associate of Applied Science in Medical Assisting

Associate of Applied Business in Medical Practice Insurance and Coding
Associate of Applied Business in Risk Management and Insurance
Associate of Applied Business in Sports and Recreation Marketing

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: leadership teams that provide comprehensive guidance to the college; the presence of active articulation and transfer agreements with area colleges and universities; a strong student advising program; the use of a "career portfolio system" for all students to demonstrate skills and abilities; a well-conceived conceptual framework that integrates general education, the business core, and technical courses; and the college's strong reputation in the community that it serves.

The team also noted some areas of non compliance with the Chancellor's standards and recommended that the institution: 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; clarify the use of the career portfolio system for students in the interior design program; clarify the objectives for the risk management and insurance program; and complete a review of the early childhood education curriculum using the *National Association for the Education of Young Children Standards for Associate Degree Programs.*

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.

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End of Comment period: June 23, 2009
No Comments Received, Recommend Approval

Approved:

6/26/09

Eric D. Fingerhut, Chancellor **Date**

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