

BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

Herzing University

RECOMMENDATION

Herzing University meets the Chancellor's minimum standards for applied associate degree programs. Provisional authorization is recommended for the associate of science degree programs in business administration, medical assisting, medical billing and coding, dental assisting, nursing, and computer networking and security technology. 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: Herzing University is a for-profit, co-educational, career-focused college operating two campuses in Ohio—the Akron Institute of Herzing University and the Toledo Campus of Herzing University. The university currently serves almost 600 students in the state. Herzing University's mission is to "provide degree and diploma higher education programs of high quality that are designed to prepare a diverse student population to meet the needs of employers in technology, business, health care, design, and public safety. The career-oriented degree programs contain a complementary and integrated general education curriculum established to stimulate students' intellectual growth, to contribute to their personal development, and to enhance their potential for career advancement."

Accreditation/Authorization: Herzing University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and is recognized by the State Board of Career Colleges and Schools (SBCCS). This is the university'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: Herzing University is seeking authorization for the following programs:

- Associate of Science in Business Administration
- Associate of Science in Medical Assisting
- Associate of Science in Medical Billing and Coding
- Associate of Science in Dental Assisting
- Associate of Science in Nursing
- Associate of Science in Computer Networking and Security Technology

Each program requires at least 60 semester 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 university's achievement of HLC accreditation; an effective process for identifying students in need of developmental courses; the presence of an active faculty assembly; the "writing and speaking across the curriculum" program; the presence of qualified librarians and their involvement in information literacy instruction; and the use of life management specialists to provide support and referral services for students who need special assistance.

The team also noted several areas of non compliance with the Chancellor's standards and recommended that the institution: provide evidence that the student to faculty ratio meets Regents' standards (30 to 1) and is sufficient to support needs for developmental education, general education, and individual programs; provide additional support, especially during peak periods, for the registrar and academic dean; present a plan for improving library collections and access to resources not available through the current library system; 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; and enhance the breadth of its general education curriculum to be consistent with state standards for applied 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 16, 2009
No Comments Received, Recommend Approval

APPROVED:

Eric D. Fingerhut, Chancellor

Date

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