

BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

Mount Vernon Nazarene University

RECOMMENDATION

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Profile: Mount Vernon Nazarene University, located in Mount Vernon, Ohio, is an independent institution affiliated with the Church of the Nazarene. Originally established in 1964, the university today serves nearly 2,500 students on its main campus, through the delivery of online programs, and at nine off-site locations.

Accreditation/Authorization: Mount Vernon Nazarene University is regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and possesses specialized accreditation for several of its professional programs. The university has been authorized by the Chancellor since May 1969.

Program Offerings: Mount Vernon Nazarene University is authorized to deliver the following degree programs: Associate of Applied Science; Associate of Arts; Bachelor of Arts; Bachelor of Science; Bachelor of Social Work; Bachelor of Business Administration; Master of Arts in Education; Master of Business Administration; Master of Ministry; and Master of Science in Management.

Institutional Changes: Since the institution's last institutional reauthorization review, the university: changed its name; experienced a change in the presidency; opened new, or closed existing, off-site locations; and added new, or eliminated existing, programs and program delivery formats to better align resources with student, community, and industry needs. A revision to the university's general education core is currently underway and the institution will provide an update on these efforts to the Chancellor's staff through the submission of a progress report.

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End of Comment Period: August 18, 2010
No Comments Received, Recommend Approval

APPROVED



Eric D. Fingerhut, Chancellor

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