

BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

ITT Technical Institute

RECOMMENDATION

ITT Technical Institute meets the Chancellor's minimum standards for applied associate degree programs. Provisional authorization is recommended for the associate of applied business degree programs in business administration and business accounting technology. Provisional authorization is also recommended for the associate of applied science degrees in computer and electronics engineering technology; criminal justice; information technology—computer network systems; information technology—software applications and programming; information technology—web development; information technology—multimedia; computer drafting and design; and visual communication. Provisional authorization will continue through December 31, 2012, contingent upon continuing accreditation from the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools 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 May 15, 2009, 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: ITT Educational Services Inc., established in 1969, offers associate degrees in Ohio through its eight ITT Technical Institute campuses located in Columbus, Dayton, Hilliard, Maumee, Norwood, Strongsville, Warrensville Heights and Youngstown. The for-profit, co-educational career college serves approximately 5000 students in the state. The mission of the institution is to offer educational programs that integrate lifelong learning with knowledge and skills to help students pursue personal interests, develop critical thinking abilities and provide service to their communities.

Accreditation/Authorization: ITT Technical Institute is accredited by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS) 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: ITT Technical Institute is seeking authorization for the following programs:

Associate of Applied Science in Computer and Electronics Engineering Technology
Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice
Associate of Applied Science in Information Technology—Computer Network Systems
Associate of Applied Science in Information Technology—Software Applications and Programming
Associate of Applied Science in Information Technology—Web Development
Associate of Applied Science in Information Technology—Multimedia

Associate of Applied Science in Computer Drafting and Design
Associate of Applied Science in Visual Communication
Associate of Applied Business in Business Administration
Associate of Applied Business in Business Accounting Technology

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: exemplary student services, including an innovative financial aid process; a focus on student success; strong student placement rates; the ITT Technical Institute virtual library; 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: assess incoming students so that those not ready for college-level work could be placed in developmental courses; improve the credentials of general education faculty members to meet the Chancellor's faculty standards; ensure the presence of qualified librarians and adequate print materials on all eight campuses; clarify the status of ongoing curriculum revision; develop mechanisms to measure and improve program outcomes (for general education and technical areas).

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: ITT Technical Institute meets the Chancellor's minimum standards for applied associate degree programs. The review team recommends provisional authorization for associate of applied business degree programs in business administration and business accounting technology. Provisional authorization is also recommended for the associate of applied science degrees in computer and electronics engineering technology; criminal justice; information technology—computer network systems; information technology—software applications and programming; information technology—web development; information technology—multimedia; computer drafting and design; and visual communication.

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